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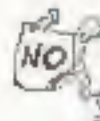
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— The Editors

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Letters and Tomatoes

READER ALERT

One of the Usual Gang of Idiots, Drew Friedman, has a new book that's on sale now! *Heroes of the Comics*, from Fantagraphics, features more than 80 portraits of legendary comic book creators — including MADmen Al Jaffee, William M. Gaines, Mort Drucker, Dave Berg, Al Feldstein, Jack Davis and more! And if your letter is printed in this issue, good news — you get a copy for free! Just like that! U-S-A! U-S-A!



A FAREWELL TO ALARMS

I used to get my car broken into a lot. I couldn't afford an expensive alarm system, so I did the next best thing — I started leaving a copy of MAD on the dashboard. It's worked ever since. Once a thief sees that MAD on the dashboard, he moves to a better target. He figures with taste that bad, I couldn't possibly have anything inside worth stealing.

Josh Rend Jar-Bonnet • Madison, TN

Jar-Bonnet — We're glad it worked out for you, because that's a plan that can easily backfire. A copy of MAD in your car might prevent theft, but just the sight of an issue is enough to enrage even the most law-abiding citizen into vandalizing the ever-loving-soup out of your car. Best of luck — and PLEASE always check to make sure your brake lines haven't been cut! —Ed.



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If you had your letter printed in this issue, you've got some good mojo heading your way! You'll be getting *Adventure Time: The Art of Ooo* by Chris McDonnell, from our pals at Abrams Books; *As You Wish* by Cary Elwes, from our bros at Touchstone; a randomly-selected WWE Pop! Vinyl figure, from our chums at Funko; *Heroes of the Comics* by Drew Friedman, courtesy of our compadres at Fantagraphics; a DVD set of *Reno 911! The Complete Series*, from our homies at Paramount Home Media Distribution; and *Zen Pencils* by Gevin Aug Than, from our amigos at Andrews McMeel Publishing! What a score! The MAD Letters Page: Where mediocrity is rewarded!



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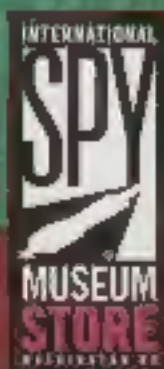


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FREE HOLIDAY APPS YOU PROBABLY WON'T NEED



Camel Finder

Need a last-minute star for that live nativity scene? Well, now you have an app that shows you all the camel dealers and exotic pet stores in your area.



Fake Kringle Detection

Advanced facial recognition technology allows you to find out if that mall Santa is the real St. Nick or one of the many frauds just claiming to be him.



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The handy translator that helps you phrase your heartfelt holiday wishes without inadvertently furthering the War on Christmas.



Scantune

This valuable tool scans the in-store radio systems of area department stores and tells you where that Chipmunks Christmas song is currently being played, so you'll know what spots to avoid.



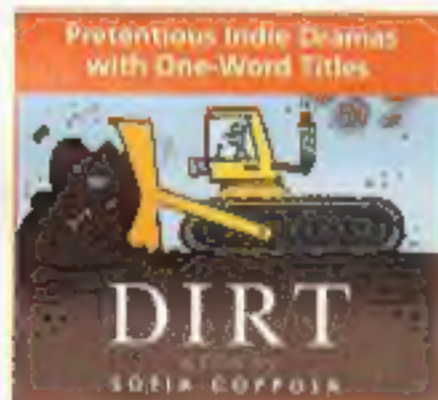
Nog-Saver Ideas

Don't toss out that random carton of eggnog until you check out these unique recipes that specifically call for expired dairy products!

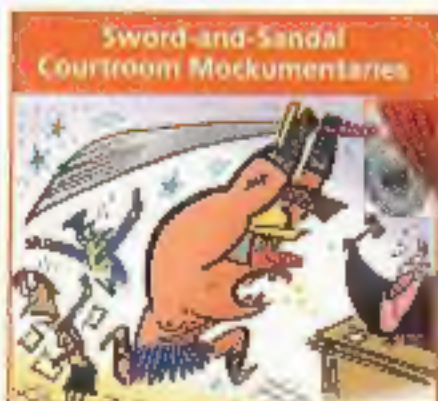
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The Kitchen Sink LEAST-WATCHED NETFLIX MICROGENRES

Action Films Featuring
Thin-Necked Stars



Multi-Film Blockbusters
That Desperately Stretch
Out Source Material



Nail-Biting Golf Movies

Action Films with Fewer
Than 483 Explosions

Biographical Movies
Based on Real Life

Movies About the Latest
Banal Mythological Craze

Torrid Romances
Starring Steve Buscemi

Halfhearted Sequels to
Forgettable Comedies

Conspiracy Documentaries
for Ages 8 to 10



Gory Comedies of Manners

Movies That Spell
Zach Galifianakis' Name
Wrong in the Credits

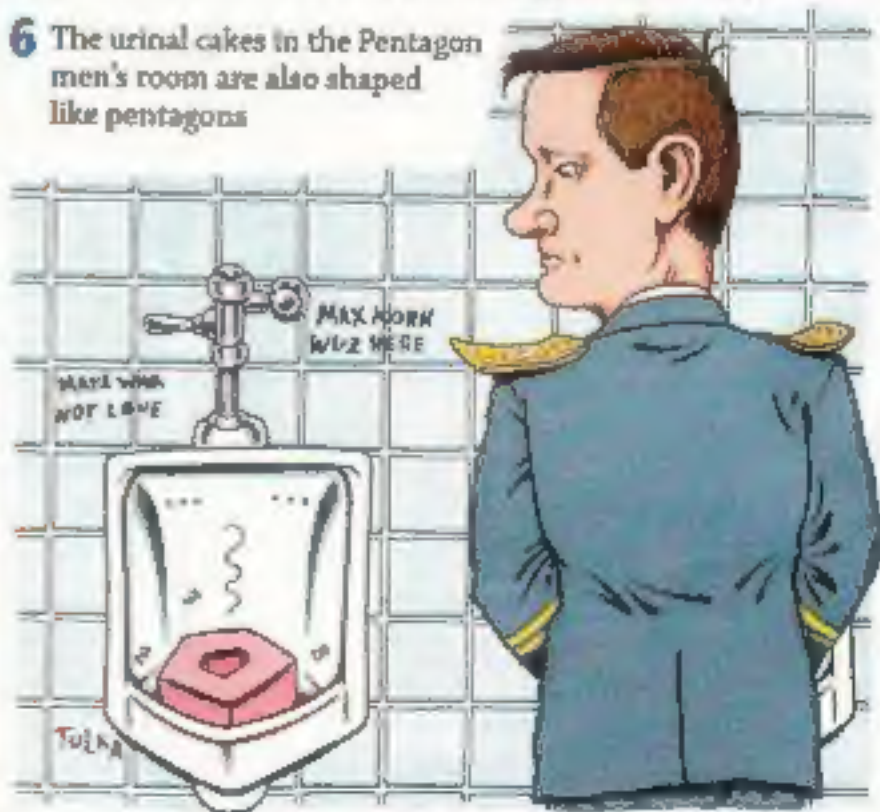
Bollywood Films About 9/11

Chinese Blaxploitation



The Speedy 6 RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED FACTS FROM THE PENTAGON

- 1 Spain actually won the Spanish-American War, but a clerical error reversed the outcome
- 2 The conspiracy theorists are correct — Hitler DID fake his suicide and escape his bunker (Though he was killed the next day, so all the other theories are crap.)
- 3 As a prank, the ISBN numbers of Tom Clancy thrillers were often used as nuclear launch codes throughout the '80s and '90s
- 4 Ironically, Amazon deliveries to military bases come by FedEx or the Post Office, not by drone
- 5 A portion of combat training utilizes videogames, including *Medal of Honor*, *Gears of War* and *Muppets Street Surfin'*
- 6 The urinal cakes in the Pentagon men's room are also shaped like pentagons



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Eckstein Marks the Spot



"So what's it going to take to get you folks into this car today?"

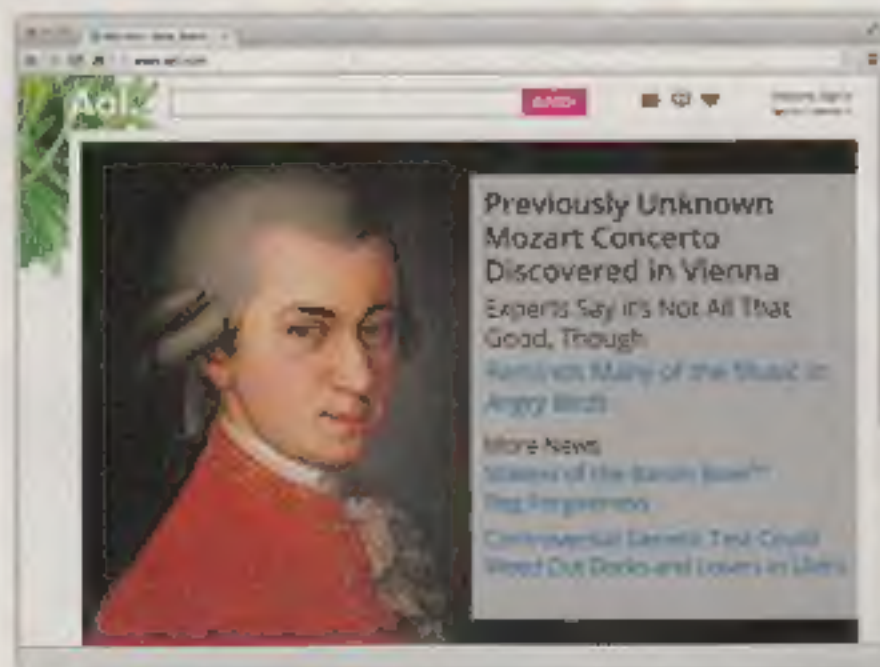
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Rejected Fortune Cookies



Photo: Dreamstime

AOL START-UP SCREENS WE'D LIKE TO SEE



Writer: Jeff Kuzo | Screen Photo: Dreamstime

THE FUNDALINI PAGES

BIOGRAPHICAL FACTS ABOUT SANTA'S OTHER EIGHT REINDEER

PRANCER

Got his start in the Norwegian rodeo

Caused controversy by supporting a bill outlawing reindeer-antelope marriage

Sued the producers of *Reindeer Games*, claiming it was his idea

CUPID

The only deer to cooperate with Kitty Kelley on her tell-all about Mrs. Claus, due next year

Annoys the others by using "reindeers" as the plural form

Plans to retire after the 2015 Christmas season and just be a consultant at the workshop

BLITZEN

Angered many by working as an advisor on Cabela's *Big Game Hunter* videogame

Was paid \$50,000 by Nike to shave the swoosh logo into his fur

Had an inflamed colon, but of course that wasn't good enough to lead the sleigh

COMET

Was suspended from the *Reindeer Games* after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug — ironically, reindeer antler spray

Was born on December 25th, and is always bitching about having to work on his birthday

Known as a conspiracy nut, he insists that the real Santa was killed in a chimney accident in 1987, and the current guy is just a lookalike

VIXEN

Worked as a stripper to raise tuition for college, hence the name

Is represented by super-agent Scott Boras

Admitted to *National Geographic* that she'd had antler-enlargement surgery

DASHER

A former high school mascot, he was nearly euthanized after goring a cheerleader

In college, was rumored to be a member of secret society Antler & Bones

Is still collecting royalties from a 2007 Hallmark ornament depicting his likeness

DONNER

Tells friends that *Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer* was based on him

Was a competitive eater, winning the 2002 Lichen Chow-Off

Won a Cable ACE award for "Best Dramatized Death Scene in a Nature Documentary"

DANCER

Served with Santa as part of the mounted cavalry brigade in Afghanistan

Had to have reconstructive ligament surgery after colliding with the Space Needle in 1995

Many caribou refuse to speak to him because of his "Palin for President 2016" website



Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Anton Zindin

Questions We'd Love to See a Trainer Ask a Woozy NFL Player



WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL FOOT-CARE PRODUCT OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE?

CAN YOU NAME ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CORRESPONDING MOTHERS?

HOW MANY PEOPLE IS AARON HERNANDEZ ACCUSED OF KILLING?

CAN YOU THINK OF A LESS OFFENSIVE NICKNAME FOR THE TEAM IN WASHINGTON?

CAN YOU REPEAT AT LEAST TWO OF CHRIS BERTMAN'S IRRITATING CATCH-PHRASES?

DO YOU ACTUALLY SEE LITTLE BIRDS AND STARS SWIRLING AROUND, OR IS THAT JUST IN CARTOONS?

CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS NEW OVERTIME RULE?

WHO IS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NFL — AND WHY IS HE STILL COMMISSIONER?

Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Tom Bunk

THE MAD

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**THE DUMBEST
PEOPLE, EVENTS
& THINGS
OF 2014**

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THE NFL'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROBLEM Irrational Football League

Even before 2014, nobody would have confused the NFL with a Jane Austen book club. The league is a multibillion-dollar enterprise built upon watching pituitary freaks maim each other at high speed. But in September, its problems went far beyond concussions and snapped femurs when stars like Adrian Peterson, Greg Hardy and Ray Rice became known as domestic abusers — and Commissioner Roger Goodell became known as a bumbling, cowardly hypocrite. We may never know just how complicit Goodell was in trying to sweep the scandal under the rug — but what's clear is that when it comes to acting morally, he's no better than the average small-time thug.

RAY
RICE

ROGER
GOODELL

ADRIAN
PETERSON

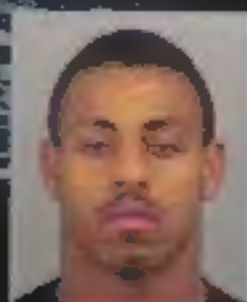
"Over the past several weeks we have seen all too much of the NFL doing wrong. That starts with me."

—Roger Goodell, New York, 2014

GoodellFellas

AN NFL PRODUCTION

This was one mob he couldn't handle.



GREG "SHOTGUNS"
HARDY



RAY "NEX BRUISE"
MCDONALD



JONATHAN "HEAD BUTTS"
DWYER

2

EBOLA HYSTERIA

When the first case of Ebola was reported in the news, it didn't take long before it became a completely unavoidable. Not the disease, the news coverage. For the next several weeks, only four Americans have been infected with the virus. In reality, there were even fewer people who reacted rationally to the outbreak. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the White House was slow to react. As a result, the public was both very overreactive and completely broke out.

ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM EBOLA SYMPTOMS?

SEVERE HEADACHE

listening to hyped-up, non-stop breathless cable news coverage



CHEST PAINS

upon hearing the CDC's confusing responses of how they're "on top of it" and preventing the virus from spreading



VOMITING

watching right-wing candidates fear-mongering the disease for political gains



BLEEDING

from banging your head against the wall out of frustration with all the uninformed misleading "experts"



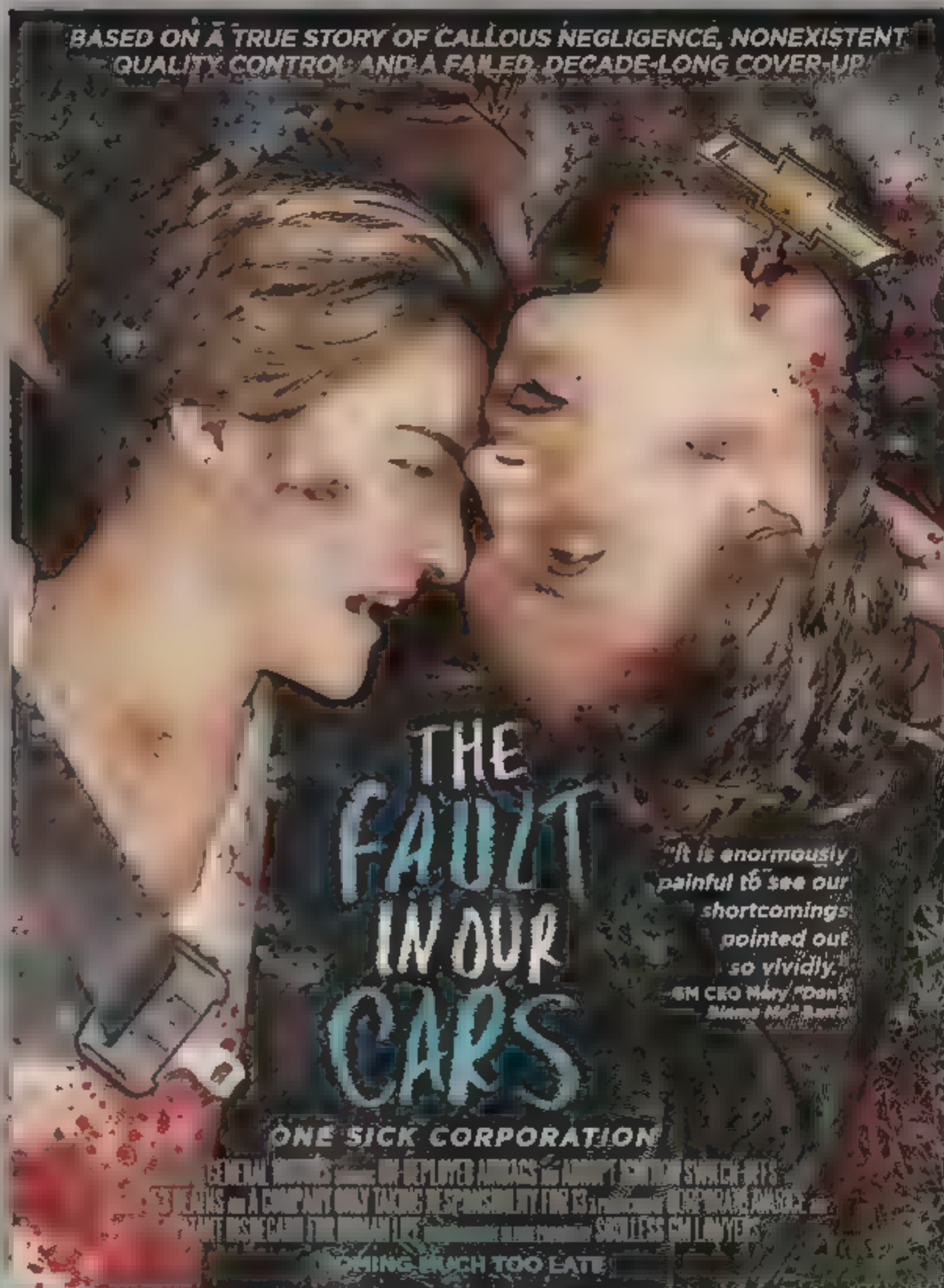
If you are exhibiting any of these symptoms, it's highly probable that you don't have Ebola. For immediate relief, turn off your TV, unplug your internet connection and stop reading the newspaper.



3

THE GM RECALL DEBACLE Head-on Collusion

The American auto industry lags behind other countries' when it comes to safety, engineering and innovation, but this year GM proved it's a world leader in corporate greed. When news broke that faulty ignition switches in millions of vehicles could suddenly shut off a car's engine and prevent airbags from deploying, GM recalled 800,000 vehicles. That number soon snowballed to 1.5 million—but not before there were 31 crashes and 19 deaths. 13 deaths GM took responsibility for — Reuters has the death toll at 153. If only GM had known sooner, it could have done something to save lives. Oh wait. GM learned of the defect in 2005 but chose to not spend the whopping 90 cents per vehicle to fix it. And we understand. 90 cents a car. That kind of loss would be tragic.



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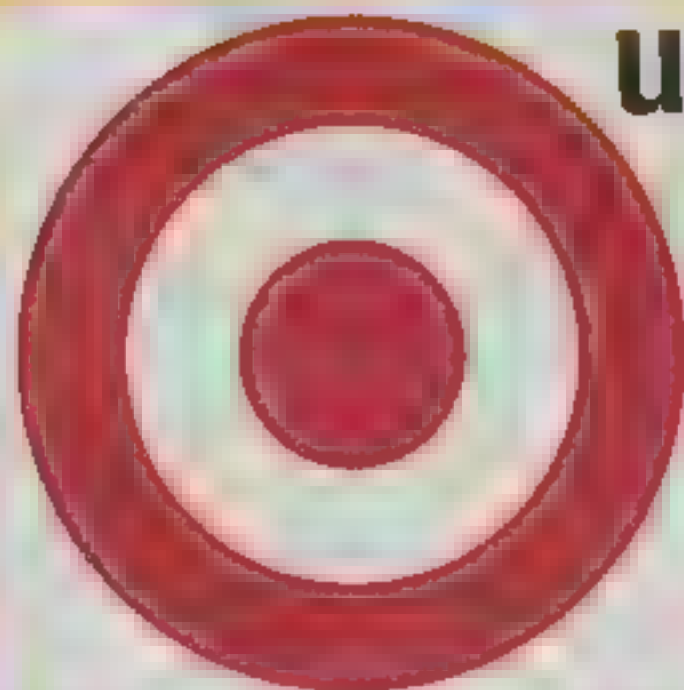
THE MILITARIZATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT Deadly Farce

Amid the chaos that engulfed Ferguson in August after the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown, news photos showed unarmed protesters facing off against police in a Master Chiefs. But those armored vehicles were actually just cops — sporting the military-style gear that police departments nationwide have amassed, with the help of federal grants, in the years since 9/11. So in precincts from Watertown, Connecticut, mine-resistant vehicles to Bloomington, Georgia (grenade launchers), to urban St. Louis (the armored trucks from *Mao Max*). It now seems that an officer with just a gun and a baton is a relic of a grimmer age.



5 TARGET'S SECURITY BREACH Big Botch Retailer

For Target customers shopping at the dreary megastore became even more depressing in January when they learned that their credit card data had been swiped the month before. Suddenly, the main danger of patronizing a giant retail store was that it was having your personal information snatched by hackers. In response, the retailer stammered: "We are committed to making this right" and, "When we discovered the breach, we removed the malware they left behind." How considerate of them to do this and similar screw-ups at home depot, JP Morgan Chase and Staples, if it's that all the supplies you'll need to survive the next inevitable attack are available at...you guessed it...your friendly neighborhood Target.



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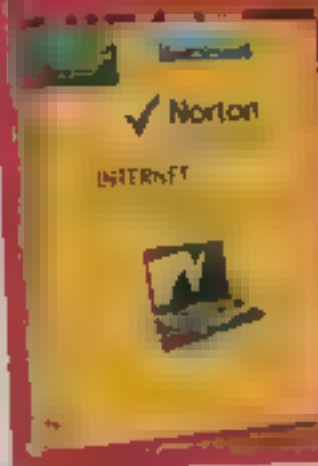
of a massive data breach shouldn't keep you from shopping here!

unbeatable prices!

(very beatable encryption system!)

security software sale

great deals on the top rated virus and malware blocking programs that we should have installed long before our website was attacked!

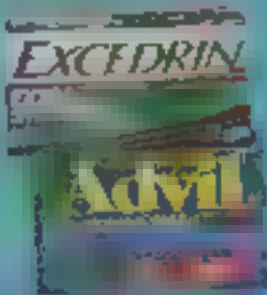
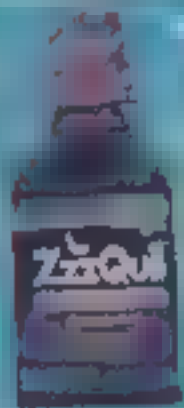


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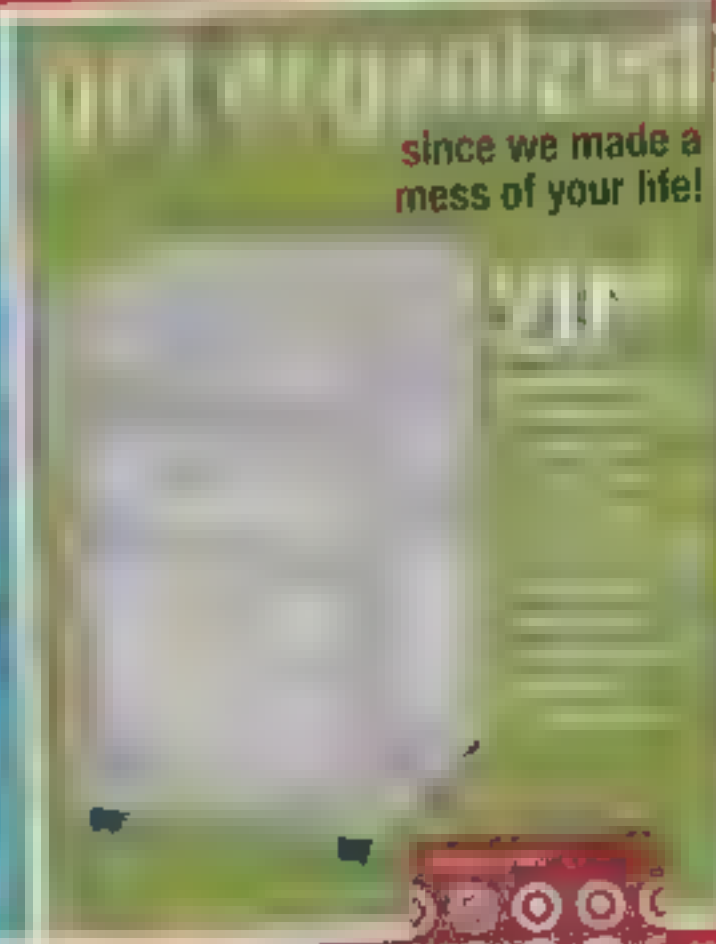


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LEADER'S GUIDE



BE UN- PREPARED!

Join the Barack Scouts!



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A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a white, strapless, form-fitting dress, is posing on a stage. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark, and there is some text visible on the right side of the image, including "RUN-UP", "SUFF", "IG", and "AZA".

**RUN-WIGGLIN'
SUFFRAGETTE
IGGY
AZALEA**

BEHINDS THE MUSIC

NEW EPISODES GET CRACKIN'
MONDAYS 10/9C

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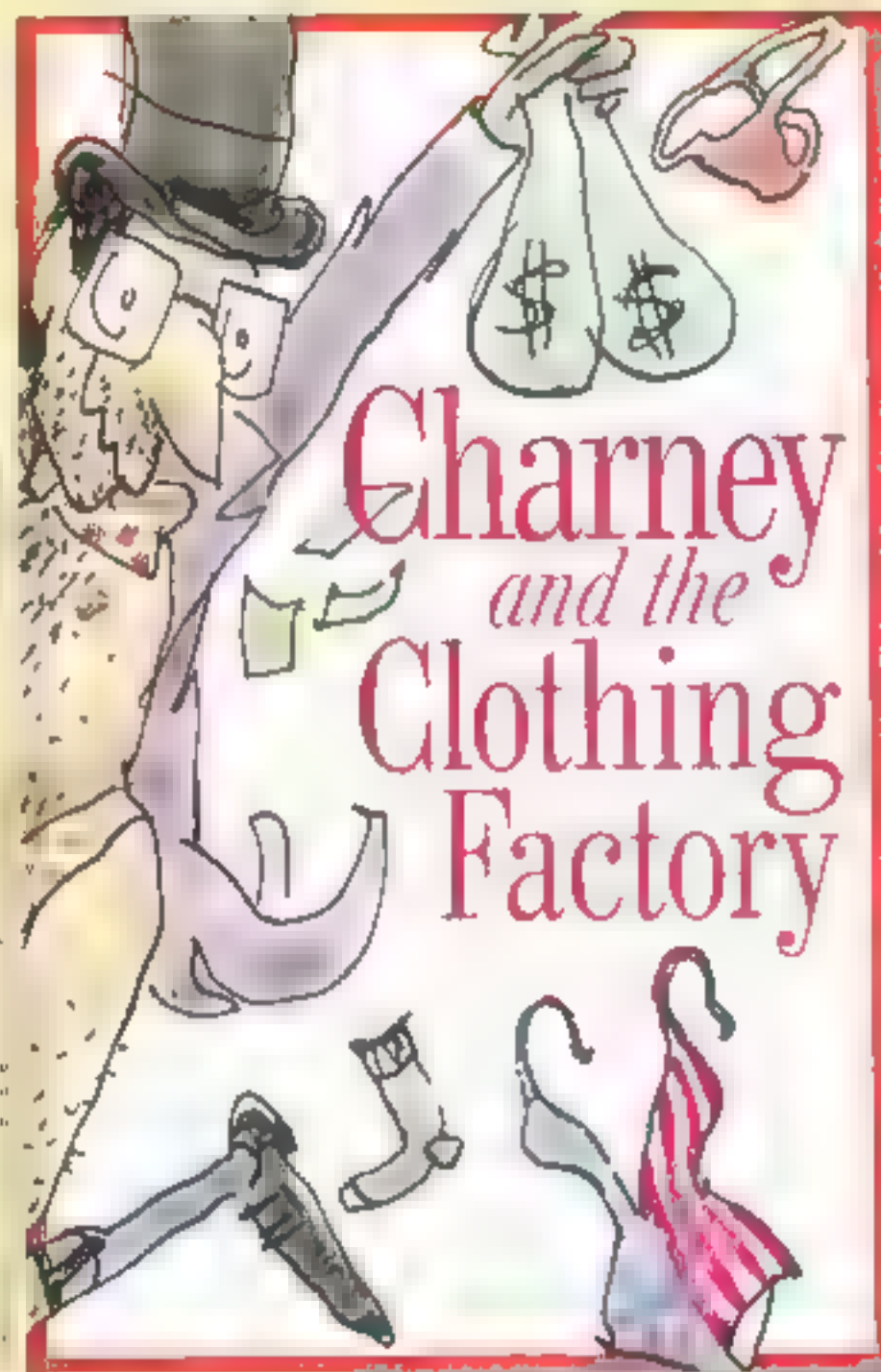
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What happens when the boss can't keep his candy bar in its wrapper?

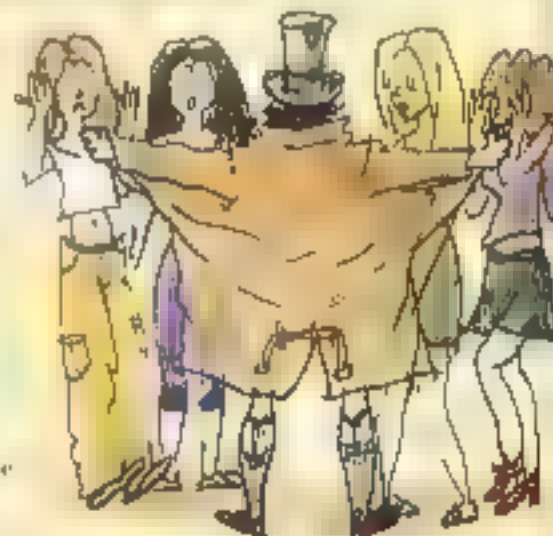


For years, magnificently creepy fashion mogul, Dov Charney, has been inviting gaggles of lucky, nude young persons to work for him, posing for his factory-sorry-to-charmerones-to-model-and-seize-wonderful-clothing-creations. All he asks in exchange is they don't reveal anything—*anything*—to busy lawyers about what happens and get used to it.



But behind those doors is where many marriages, a lot of money, and a lot of trouble, perverts, and bad things. The getting is Smoother, picked for a magazine interview, finding his company, and a lot of trouble, employees and walking around the office with a fixed stare to his quipers hang on.

Luckily Charney can hush it up by giving Golden Tickets to anyone who might complain. He can be: Come along on this classic candy-colored romp guaranteed to leave a bad taste in your mouth.



Everybody's Talking About "Charney"!

"Masturbation in front of women is underrated."

Dov Charney

"Maybe if he wasn't where he is now, he'd be one of those perverts on the subway."

Thalia Shekton,
Charney's then-girlfriend

"Effective immediately (Dov Charney) will be relieved of all of this job duties and obligations. The Board is continuing to investigate the scope and extent of this misconduct."

- American Apparel's Board of Directors

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THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS STAND BY THEIR NAME

Native American Horror Story

While his team hasn't won a Super Bowl in 24 years, Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder is still a champion — of insensitivity. The delusional billionaire says the often-sar "Redskins" is actually "a badge of honor" (right — much like "Nigger," "Chinaman" and "Jewel-head" are highly respectable honorifics). Setting an unexcusable standard for love-slavery, Snyder still insists that "Redskins" conveys "pride." We think so, too; however, we also think the word "pride" conveys "intelligence." But what's most noteworthy about this story is that Snyder isn't the biggest dumbass in the NFL (see #1).



REDSKINS

21300 Redskin Park Drive Ashburn, VA 20147

To Everyone in Washington Redskins Nation:

As you know, in recent months the Redskins have been unfairly singled out for vicious abuse. But I have refused to take the withering criticism directed at me personally. After racking up a whopping 24 wins over the last five seasons, I've developed a thick skin.

Yet, when I realized people were trying to make me change the supposedly offensive name "Redskins," I was deeply hurt. I felt like their words were wads of garbage being thrown at my feet, as a single teardrop ran down my face.

Far from being an insult, our team name is actually a **TRIBUTE** to proud Native Americans. We admire everything about their rich and unique culture — from the Florida State Seminoles to Crazy Horse malt liquor to the Jeep Cherokee.

Most of all, I care about our wonderful fans who have grown up with the Redskins name, the Redskins logo and the Redskins tradition. Taking those things away from them would make us a bunch of Indian givers.

I have met with the leaders of many Indian tribes, and happily promised to build them a playground or toss them a few scholarships if they'll get off my freaking back. But many tribes refused to cooperate, insisting the term "Redskins" is a reminder of a hateful history and the murder of millions of their people. But the dead are already dead. Why kill the name "Redskins," too? Every life has value, especially the precious life of a privately-held corporate trademark.

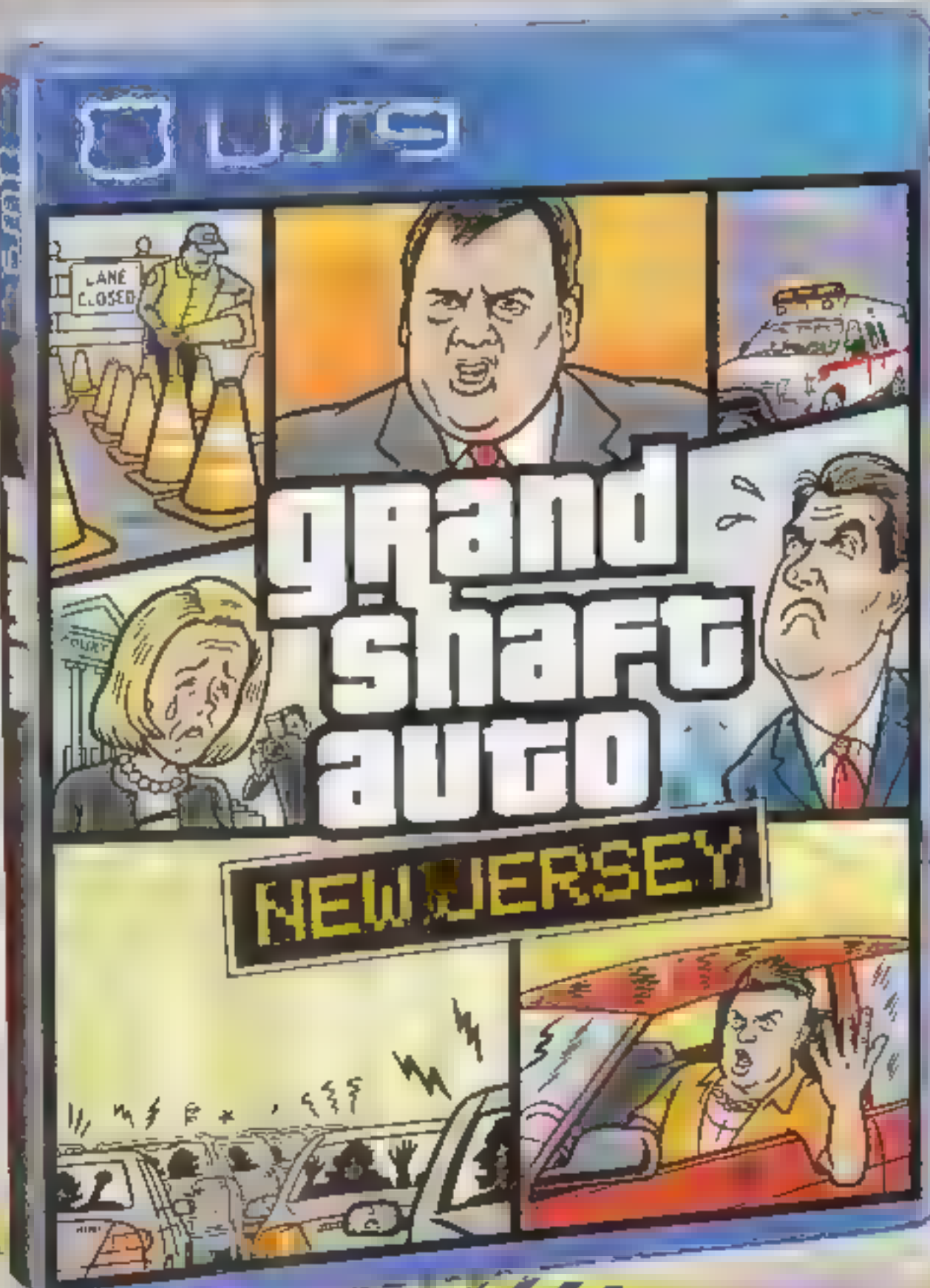
A name change is a very complicated thing. Take our team fight song, "Hail to the Redskins." What do we just change it to "Hail to the Anterior Indigenous Persons of This Continent"? That completely throws off the meter. We'd have to add, like, a dozen notes!

My emergency public relations firm told me that I needed to take the pulse of the public. So I asked several of my fellow billionaire NFL owners if they were offended by the name "Redskins" — and not one of them was! Although I admit, football owners may not be the most sensitive demographic. If thalidomide tasted like beer but was three cents cheaper, every NFL owner would be serving it lukewarm at their stadiums. Regardless, the "tribe" has spoken!

Is there any other group in America that can truly understand the pain of having something that always belonged to you taken away by outsiders? Imagine losing one's identity and culture, having it violently stripped away and being unable to defend yourself. That's something no community should ever have to endure.

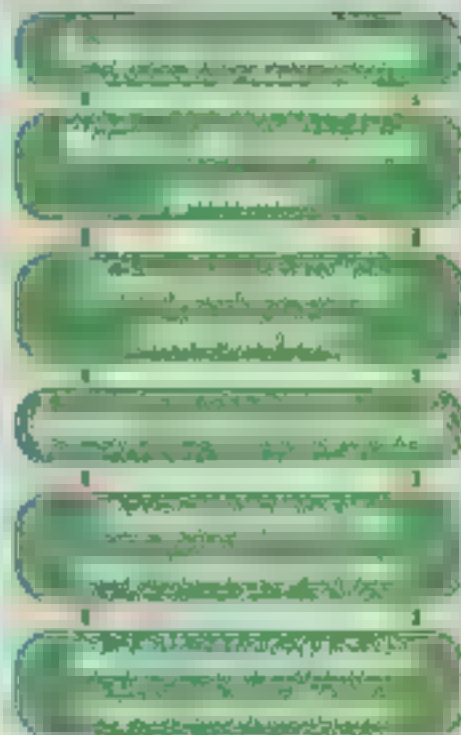
Dan
Daniel Snyder
Owner, Washington Redskins

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As the Governor of New Jersey, you have a lot of jobs — but when the Mayor of Fort Lee mildly challenges your power, payback becomes job #1!

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CNN'S ENDLESS FLIGHT COVERAGE Plane Nonsense

When Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 went missing over the Indian Ocean, CNN was long for the tinfoil-hat community to crap out theories as to what happened to the plane and its 239 passengers. It was terrorism! A meteor! A shark! The wearer of the largest shiny hat, however, was CNN which featured alleged journalist Don Lemon suggesting that a plane was being piloted by an alien abduction. As the months dragged on, CNN saw that milking the lunatic tragedy was keeping its moribund ratings, so it covered the lack of developments relentlessly, until finally even Wolf Blitzer's eyes glazed over. But since CNN was so good for CNN's bottom line, we'll offer a crazy conspiracy theory of our own: the network had a plan in place for just this sort of event all along.

CNN'S EMERGENCY CARD

IN CASE OF MISSING FLIGHT AT SEA

1

MINUTE-FLY SPEED
REPORTERS TO
NEAREST LAND MASS



2

SPECULATE
THROUGH SPOOLS
AND INTENT OF
PASSENGERS AND CREW



3

USE BOLD GRAPHICS
AND DRAMATIC MUSIC
TO WHIP PUBLIC INTO
RATINGS-FRIENDLY FRENZY



IF NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN STORY ARE PRESENT

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PERFORM A PLEA TO THE
MAGNIFICENT AND THE GREAT



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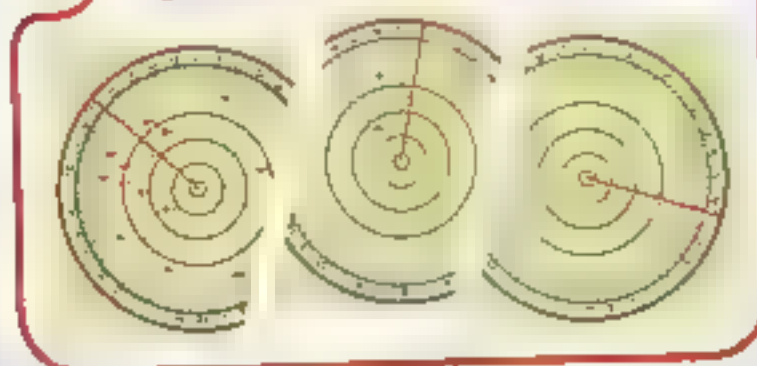
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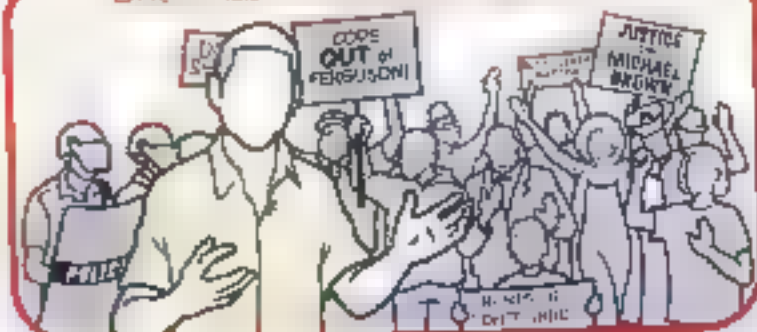
1

PROBABLY DECREASE
ON AIR SHOWING IMAGES



2

ABANDON + MOVE ON TO NEXT
CONTROVERSY/CATASTROPHE
DROP ALL MENTION OF MISSING FLIGHT



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Cliven Bundy said he was a "proud member of the American flag" and "describes Cliven Bundy, a Nevada rancher whose reading material included a book on how to refuse paying the federal government in cattle-grazing fees, an agreement with federal agents. Along for the ride was Fox News' Sean Hannity, who gave Bundy a forum to spew his twisted, un-factual views. Bundy started spouting his views on why African Americans were better off as slaves. The words being said are a real shame, but even Seth MacFarlane would've abided

The story of a cattle rancher and his trail of bullsh*t

Cliven Bundy said his family has worked this land for 80 years.

by apf

He said that outside law enforcement can't arrest him.

by Co



He said that he's abiding by Nevada state law.

by Co

A MILLION
WAYS TO LIE
IN THE WEST

He said that the U.S. government is not legitimate.

by Co

He said the government would cause another War.

by Co

He said nobody has ever sent him a tax bill.

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STARRING CLIVEN BUNDY

WITH SEAN HANNITY, THE RACIST MOOCHER'S BOY

Rick Perry's Smart Guy Glasses



"When I ran for president in 2012, people said I wasn't smart enough. Instead of giving up, I came up with a way to appear smarter without having to actually go and learn stuff. They work for me, and they'll work for you, too!"

AS SEEN ON IDIOTS

Built-in beeping device makes it easy to find lost glasses. And you know you're going to lose them a lot because you're dumb.



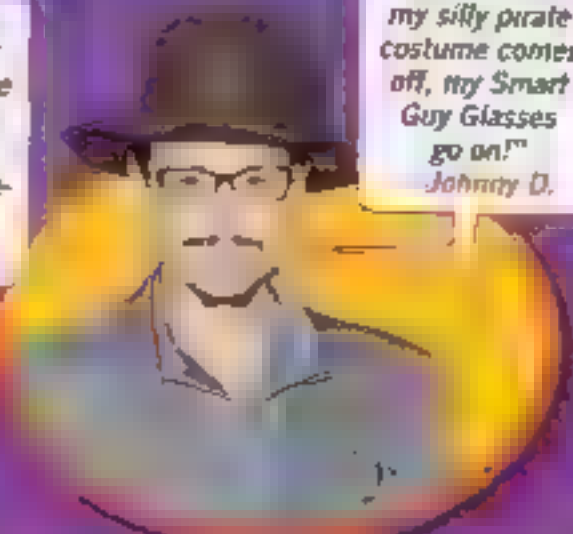
No glass in the frame so you won't be distracted by the glare of lights while you're trying to pretend to think.

Extra sturdy temples for chewing on so it looks like you're deep in thought when you're actually daydreaming about cupcakes.

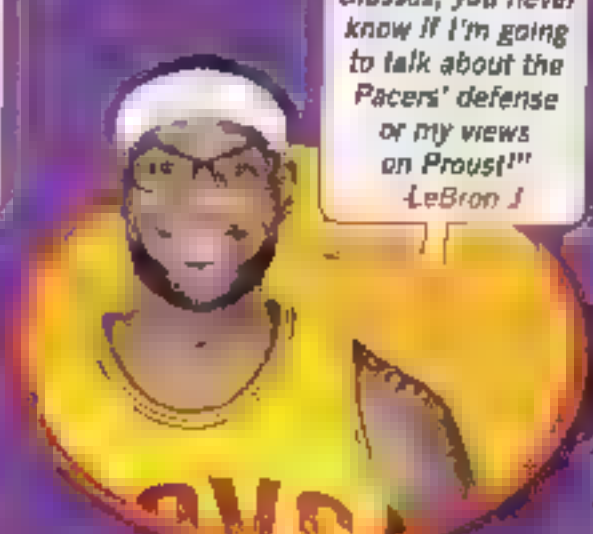
EVERYBODY LOVES Rick Perry's Smart Guy Glasses



"When I'm wearing my Smart Guy Glasses, people actually take my crackpot theories about child vaccinations seriously!"
Jenny M.



"As soon as my silly pirate costume comes off, my Smart Guy Glasses go on!"
Johnny D.



"With Smart Guy Glasses, you never know if I'm going to talk about the Pacers' defense or my views on Proust!"
LeBron J.

BLACK HILLS

DOUG
MILLER

In the Unlikely
Event You're
Confronted
by the
Secret Service

By A

Exclusive
Interview!

WHITE HOUSE
INTRUDER

Omar J.
Gonzalez

THAT ARE EASIEST TO JIMMY

TO DUCK INTO TO AVOID DETECTION



17 PUTIN INVADES UKRAINE

During the 1990s, the U.S. and the USSR always seemed on the verge of war. In fact, they were. The post-Cold War Union was engineered and "disarmed" in Crimea and Syria. It shot down a Malaysia Airlines jet filled with civilians and, in 1990s-style power-grab, won hold, but we have to ask: where

7 July

- = some people are nostalgic for that era and even a Russian President pines for the days of the Soviet
- = takeover on Ukraine itself but in the process accidentally
- = international sanctions have put a Germany-in-the-
- = energy to be such an immense piece of human extremity?

Vlad Agrees



$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x}$

Warning: Red Bull may keep you – and the rest of the world – up at night

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DONALD STERLING'S RACIST RANT Little Bigot Man

Long before 2014, the owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers was considered the worst owner in the NBA (once refusing to pay a fired coach the money owed him, he was also accused for sexual harassment) and his team had lost 27 of his 33 years at the helm. But Sterling's awfulness reached a new low in April when his gold-digging general manager was fired and then leaked — a hair-raising racist rant that led to his much-deserved ban from the NBA. Sterling fired a barrage of racist remarks at the league, saying he was "baited" into his diatribe and whined that he's not a racist, but nobody was buying it. Poor, poor Donald. But there was a publication odious enough to let him tell his side of the story.





JUDAH MILLER
GABRIEL

JOHN MCCAIN
AS
REDACT THE
REVISIONIST

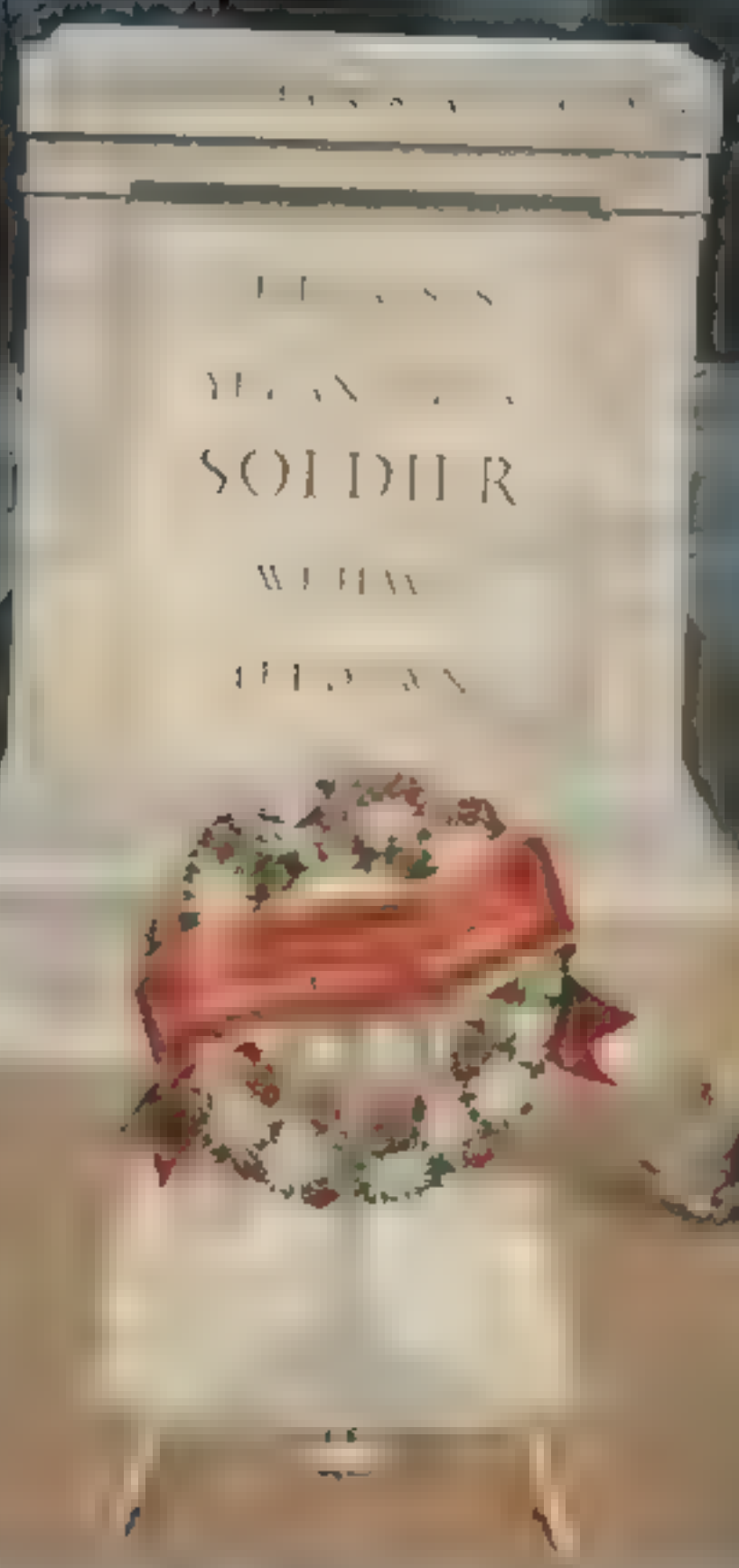
PAUL WOLFOWITZ
AS
IRAQI BUFFOON

GUARDIANS OF THE FALLACY

FROM THE MEATHEADS WHO BROUGHT YOU THE SECOND GULF WAR

STORY BY: LANCE HARRIS | ART BY: LANCE HARRIS

Among all the scandals that disgraced the Obama administration, none was more unforgivable than the criminal dysfunction in the Veterans Health Administration. 15 vets died while waiting for treatment, another 20,000 waited for treatment they never got and to add insult to injury, V.A. officials tried to cover up the whole mess. Responsibility of blame is go around! President Obama - who once said "Our servicemen and women should get the best care and the best care is to provide" chose the clueless Eric Shinseki as the V.A.'s secretary. Not to be outdone, Congress unceremoniously slashed the budget. Republicans and Democrats are known for not being able to put as party partisan differences and work together yet when it comes to screwing veterans, that's exactly what they did.



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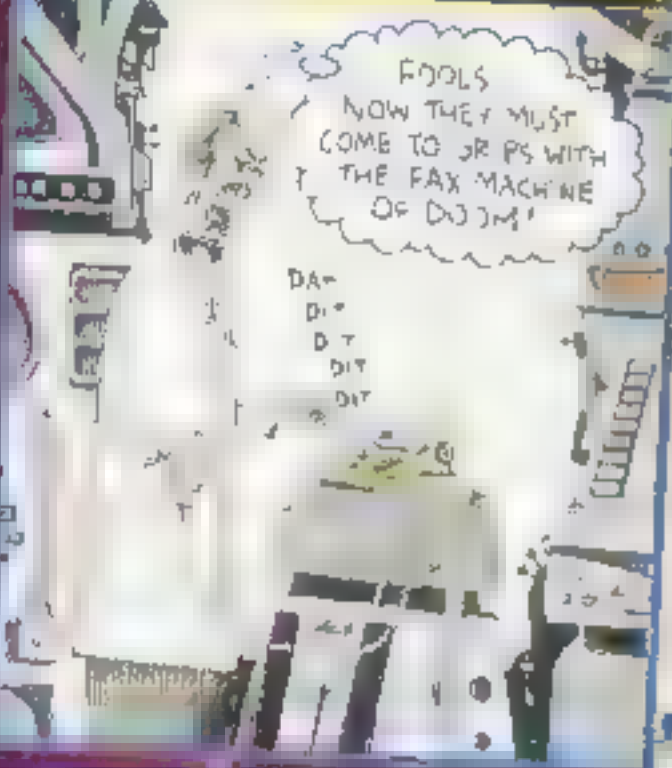
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So, you want to be a bad guy, eh? And you're not content to be merely diabolical, chaotic or despicable. Nope, you have your sights set lower than that, much lower. You want to kill four in the wilderness and just sit back, You want some murder, maintenance and mayhem. It's your off day. You want to make The Joker seem like the Duke of Doom. Well that takes more than sinister intentions! You'll have to master these

8 KEYS

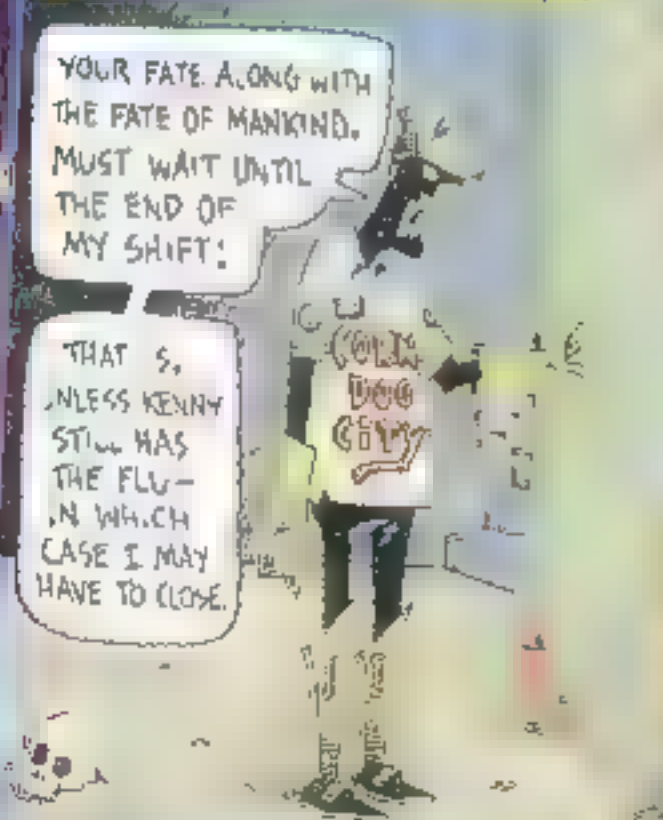
1 STAY CURRENT DON'T LAUNCH YOUR DIABOLICAL PLAN TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD WITH YESTERDAY'S TECHNOLOGY



2 WHEN CONTEMPLATING USING YOUR POWERS FOR EVIL, BE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT YOU MEET THE BASIC THRESHOLD FOR EVIL.



3 REMEMBER THAT BEING A SUPERVILLAIN IS A FULL-TIME JOB, SO NO MOONLIGHTING



4 NEVER FORGET: BEING AN INSIDIOUS GENETIC MUTATION AND OF ITSELF IS NOT ENOUGH - YOU STILL NEED A PERMIT TO PARK IN A HANDICAPPED-ONLY SPOT



TO BECOMING A MORE EFFECTIVE SUPERVILLAIN

3

IT'S ALMOST NEVER A GOOD
IDEA TO GO BY YOUR REAL NAME

I WILL DO YOU NO GOOD TO STRUGGLE
MR CARL SLE. YOU ARE IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE
ARCHDUKE OF DARKNESS,
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
SDNEY PICKLEWITZ
HIMSELF.

NO REALLY
I'M SERIOUS.

KSSSSSSHHHH

4

ALWAYS BE SURE TO READ THE WARNING
LABEL ON COSMIC DEATH RAYS.

FREQUENT USE MAY CAUSE
SKIN IRRITATION, BLOATING, GAS,
LOSS OF BLADDER CONTROL AND
THOUGHTS OF HOMOCIDE RATS!!

PAYUZZZZ

BUT!

7

DON'T SUBJECT YOURSELF TO
THE WHIMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA.

MAN I REALLY
THOUGHT THE
BIG VAT OF ACID
WOULD GET
MORE RES.

HOW ABOUT
HOW ABOUT A
BUNDRY BASKET
FULL OF
PUPPIES?

WHAT'S
TO BE
ABOUT THAT
PLEASE?

8

DRAMATIC LIGHTING ALWAYS ENHANCES
YOUR WICKED APPEARANCE - SOMETHING
TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN TWEETING PICTURES OF
YOUR JUNK TO YOUR ADVERSARIES.

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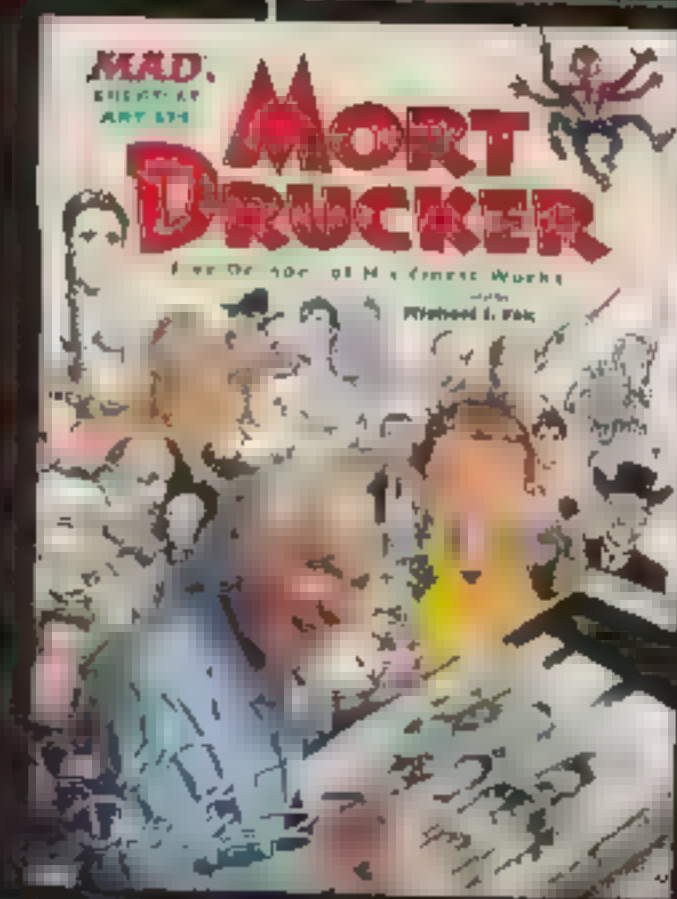
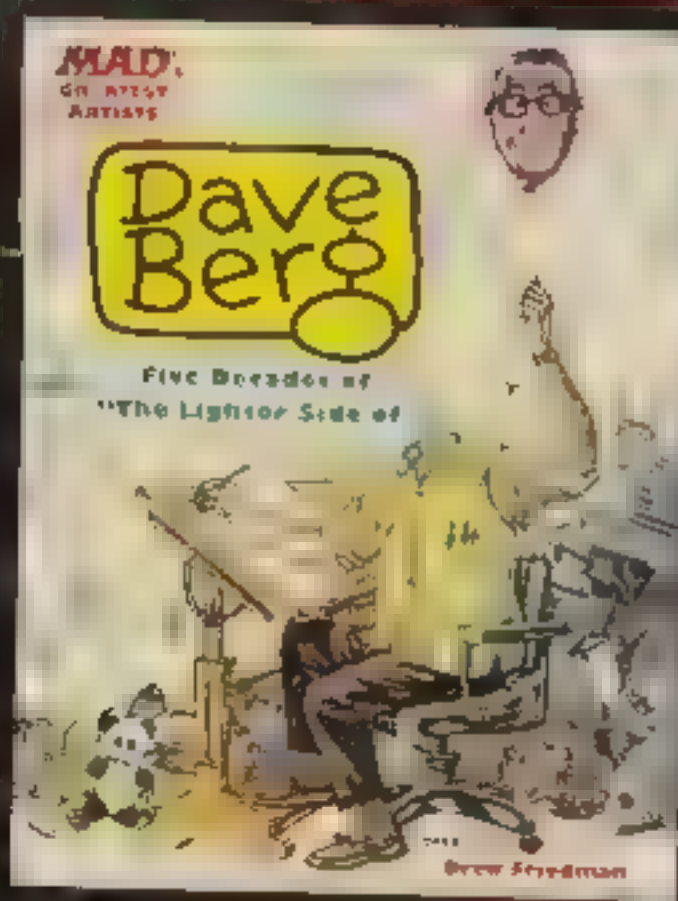


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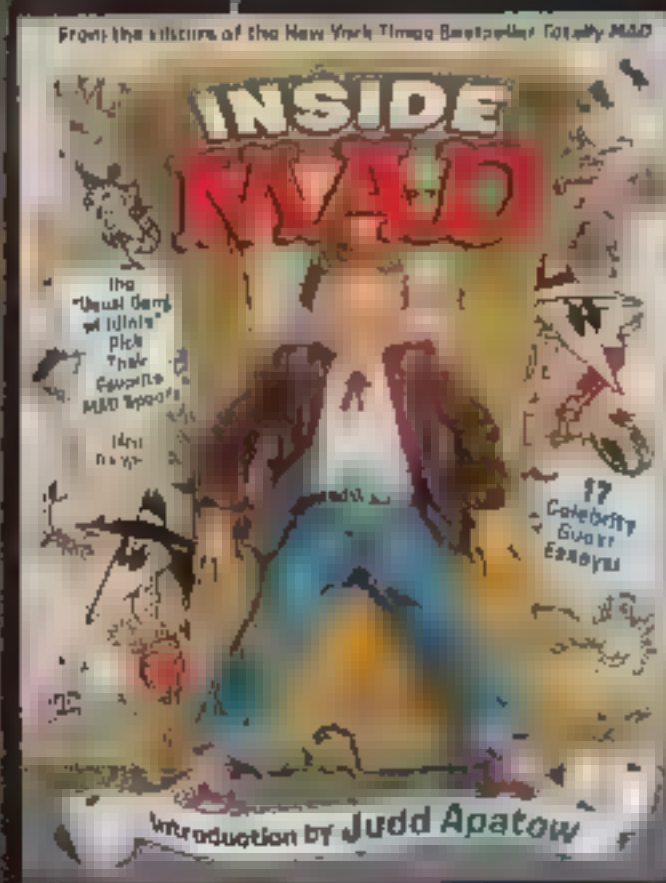
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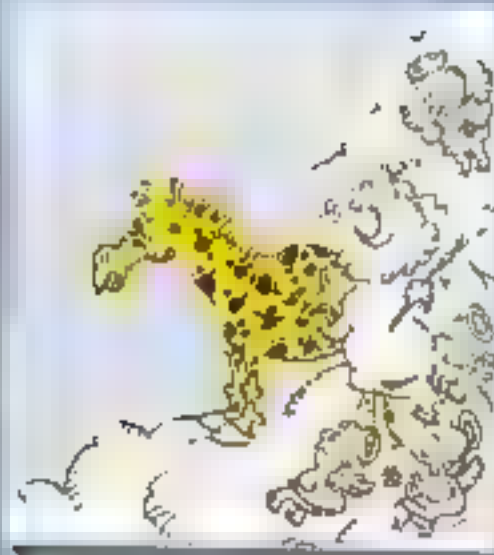
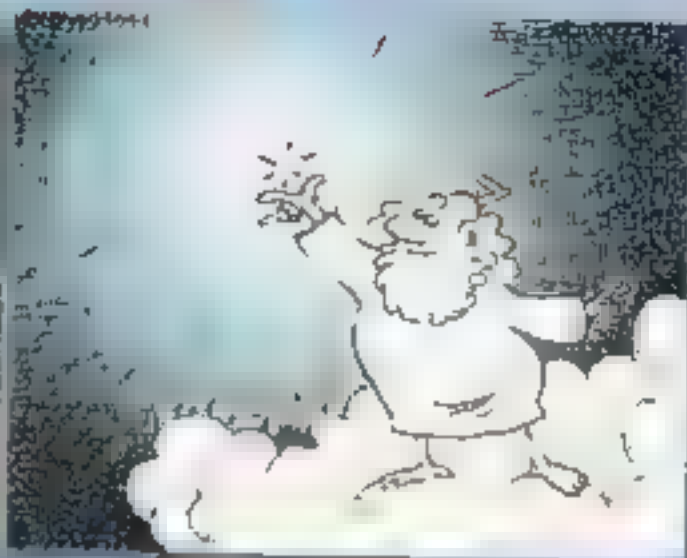
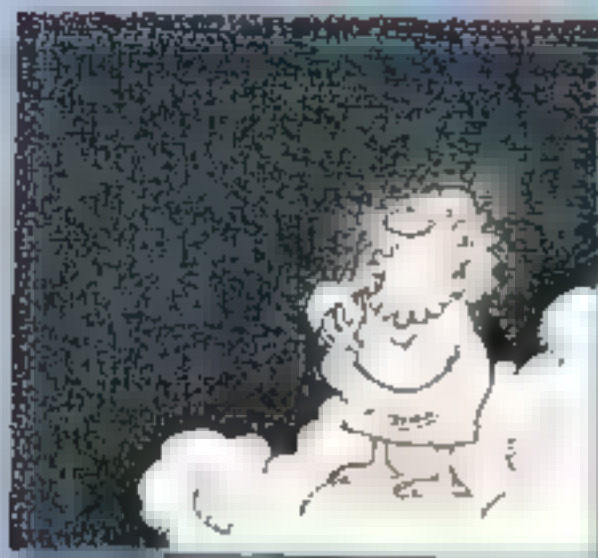
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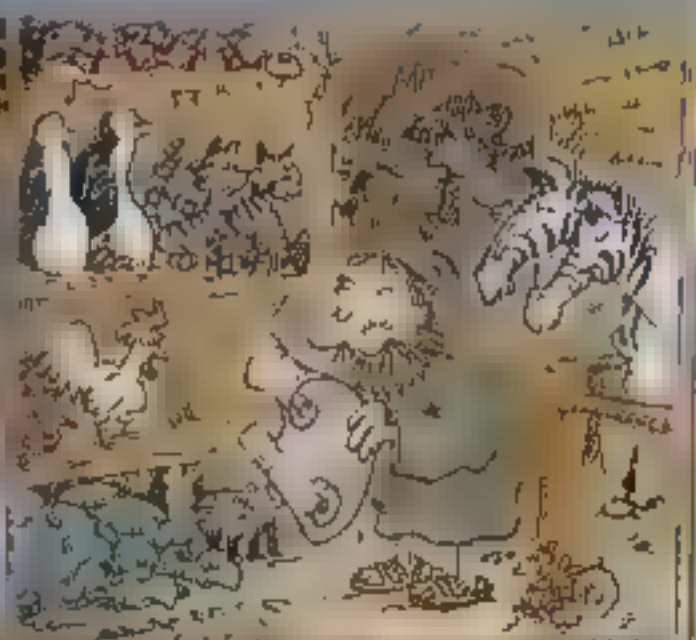
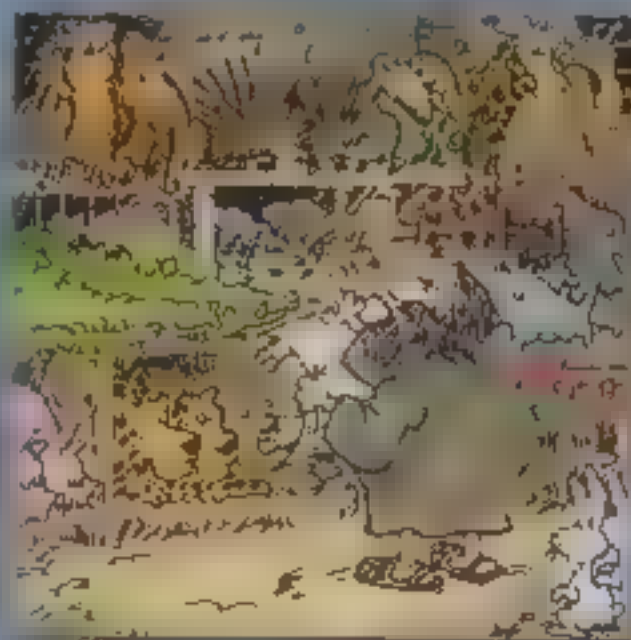


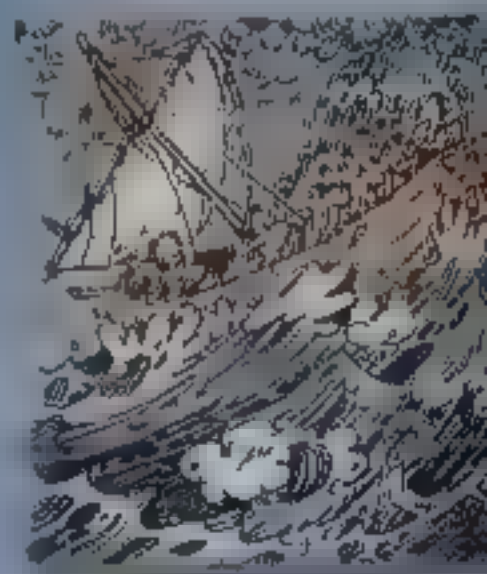
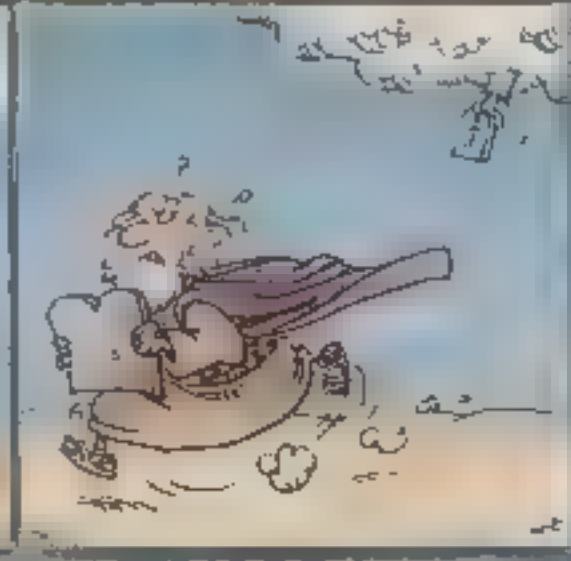
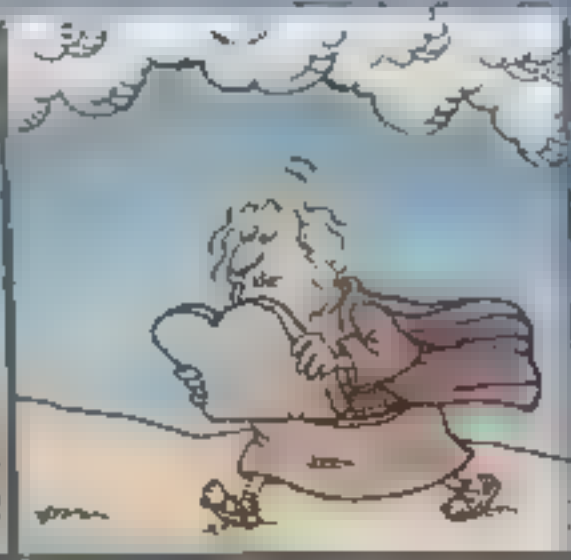
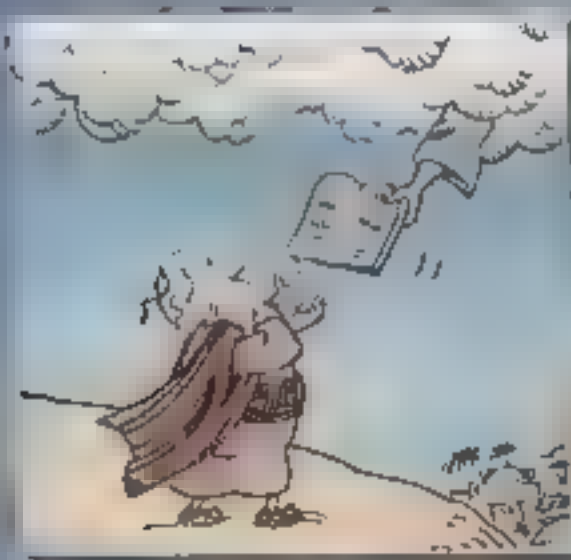
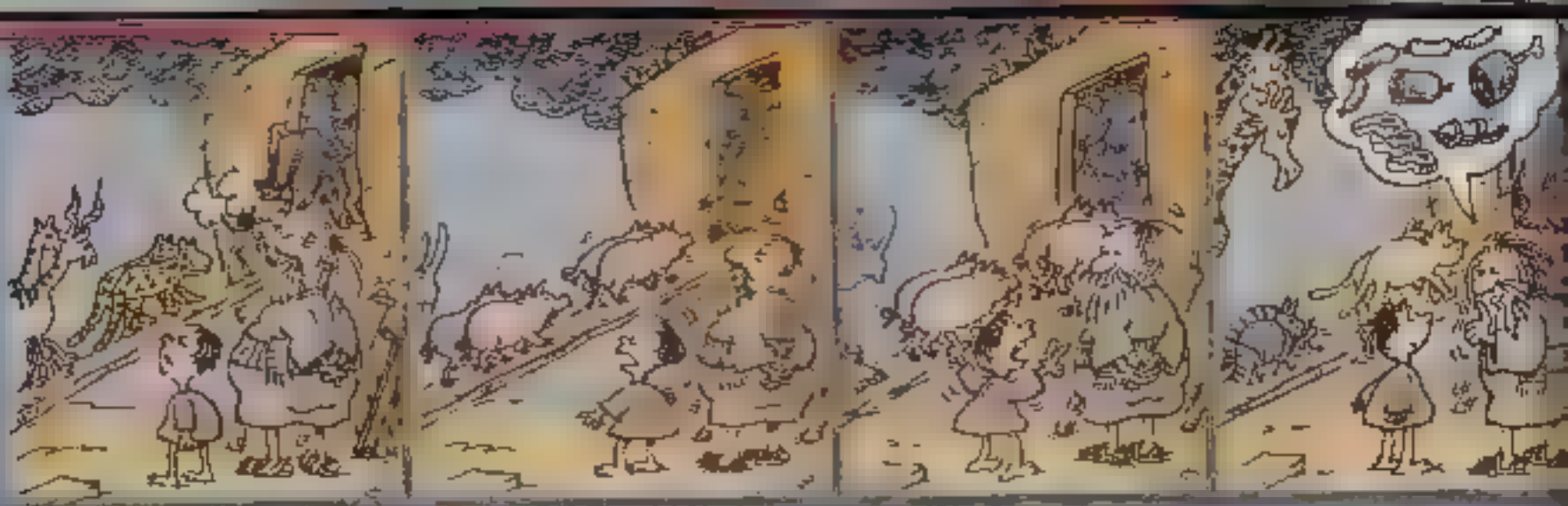
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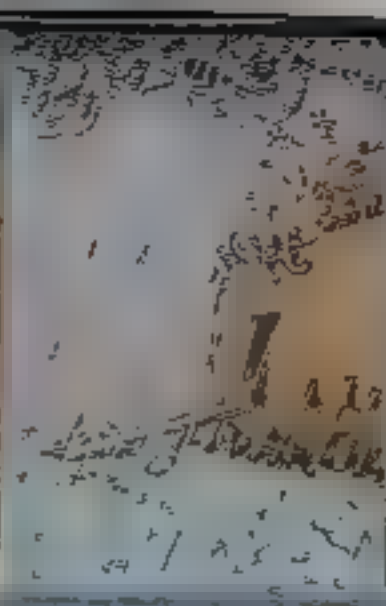
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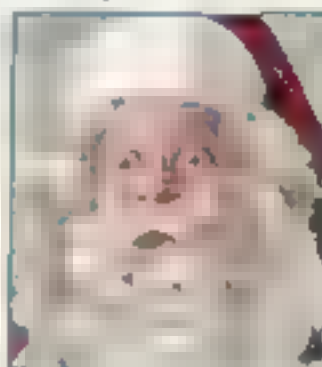


PLANET TAD!!!!

NAME: TAD AGE: 14 SCORE OF THE WORD "FOURTEEN" IN SCRABBLE: 11, WEIRDLY ENOUGH

DECEMBER 5, 2014

Getting ready to go to the shopping mall tomorrow. I'm going to take my little sister Sophie to see Santa Claus. My parents think it's cute that she still likes to go see Santa, but what they don't know is she hasn't believed in Santa in years. Instead we've worked out a fun thing where she sits on Santa's lap and goes "What I want most in the world for Christmas is for my mommy and daddy to hug me and tell me they love me." To which Santa usually says, "I'm sure they will!" And then Sophie says, "Are you sure?" And Santa says, "A is definitely!" And then Sophie says, "Moo-nay. Thank you Santa!" I like to think they know they didn't die in that plane crash. We have a camera that's set up at Christmastime. We've gotten some really good photos of Santa looking like this.



DECEMBER 6, 2014

Well the good news is we got another great Santa photo today.

The bad news is about ten seconds after that our cover was blown when my parents showed up and started calling our names to take us home. Sophie and I got in a lot of trouble with the mall workers. I don't think I've ever seen someone dressed like an elf swear at a child before. Anyway, we're both grounded for a week.

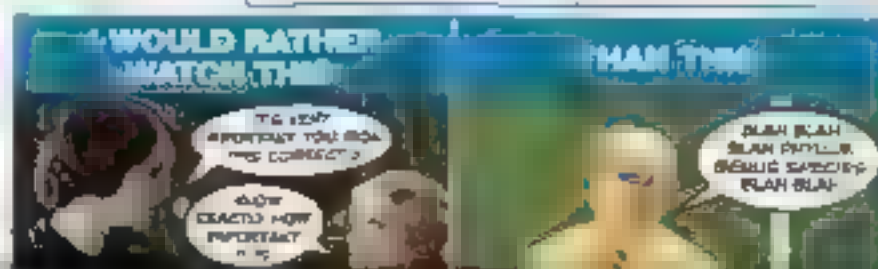
DECEMBER 13, 2014

Ugh, this is the last week before our winter break at school, which is both really exciting and kind of annoying because there are big tests in each of my classes over the next few days. I should be OK for all of them but Biology.

I hate Biology class, because it's the most pointless, useless class imaginable. As best I can tell, Biology is mostly about giving names to things that don't need names. Like, why do I need to know what the outer wall of a cell is called or the scientific name for a tortoise? It seems like if you say "tortoise" everyone knows what you're talking about. And if you're going to give a tortoise a name, it should be a fun name.

Plus our teacher Mr. Simmons, may be the most boring human being ever. Everything about him is boring. He dresses entirely in shades of beige. Once saw him at lunch just eat a whole bunch of saltine packets. And when he teaches, he just reads aloud from the textbook in his boring, boring voice. Here is how boring he is: I would rather watch an hour of "Downton Abbey" than listen to Mr. Simmons explain the difference between photosynthesis and cellular respiration.

NEW NAMES TO TRY	FUN NAMES TO TRY
Anna Maria	Speedy
Robert Tortoise	Snail
Charles	Slowly
Edward	Slowly
Frank	Slowly
George	Slowly
Henry	Slowly
Isaac	Slowly
James	Slowly
John	Slowly
Joseph	Slowly
Samuel	Slowly
Thomas	Slowly
William	Slowly
Edward	Slowly
Frank	Slowly
George	Slowly
Henry	Slowly
Isaac	Slowly
James	Slowly
John	Slowly
Joseph	Slowly
Samuel	Slowly
Thomas	Slowly
William	Slowly



LATEST TWEETS

- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 12/13/14
I don't like the game "tick-toe" but mostly because it makes me think of how gross it would be to have tick-toe for toes.
- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 12/13/14
Why do lumberjacks yell "timber"? Wouldn't it be quicker to yell "tree"?
- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 12/13/14
I'm sorry, but if she needs that much help and advice from strangers, maybe Dora shouldn't be going exploring.
- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 12/13/14
I get why you'd call your football team the Lions or the Bears. But who chooses to be called the Cardinals? "We're tiny red birds. Fear us!"
- PLANET TAD** @PlanetTad 12/13/14
Someone needs to start a website devoted to classified ads for James Bond fans called "Bond Classifieds".

Anyway, I should be OK for the test. It's not 'til Friday so I've got a whole week to study for it.

DECEMBER 14, 2014

Tonight I sat down to get started on reading up for my Biology test. But I decided to warm up by playing a little Minecraft. It took a lot of work, but after three hours, I'd created the entire set from "Big Bang Theory" in Minecraft, complete with working sinks! So, tonight was a waste. Tomorrow, I'm going to buckle down and get it done.

DECEMBER 16, 2014

I figured that since the textbook hasn't been working no out, I would just use Google and Wikipedia to learn what I need to learn. Brilliant right? Well, did you know that when you Google the word "cell" the first page of results includes a Dragon Ball Z villain named "Cell"? And that, if you click on it, you can sort of get lost in the whole Dragon Ball Wiki site for hours? Well, it does and you can. Not good. Tomorrow night, it's on.

DECEMBER 18, 2014

So tonight, I realized that no matter what I do, there's just no way I'll ever be ready for the test tomorrow. And I was sitting at dinner, getting annoyed at my little sister Sophie, who was whining and can't go to school. And my mom was telling her to cover her mouth when she sneezes. "Because you don't want to get your brother sick."

And that's when I realized I had only one option if I don't want to flunk Biology. I need to be sick tomorrow. That way, I can study up over the break and take the test when school starts again in January.

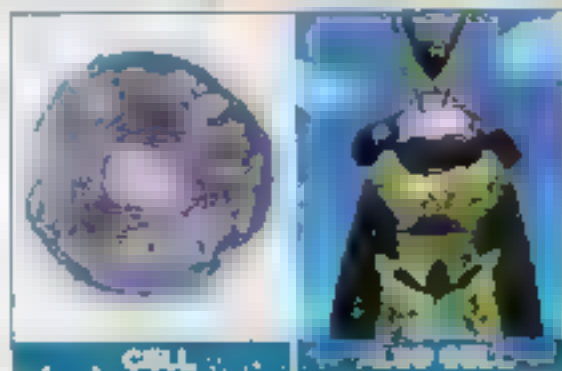
And the only way my mom will let me stay home is if I'm really, truly sick -- like, unless I've got a fever above 100. She always makes me go to school.

So that's when I did what had to be done. After dinner, I picked up Sophie's glass and I licked all the way around the rim. Then I licked her silverware, and I even put my tongue on her toothbrush. That's when she walked into the bathroom and said, "What are you doing?" And I said, "I will give you five dollars to cough in my face." And she shrugged and said, "I would do that for free."

Anyway, Sick day, here I come!

DECEMBER 15, 2014

I sat down tonight, ready to start my Biology reading. I'd just started the last chapter on cells and then, I woke up four hours later after getting halfway through the first page. It's not my fault! Thanks to Mr. Simmons, I now can only hear the textbook in his boring, boring voice.



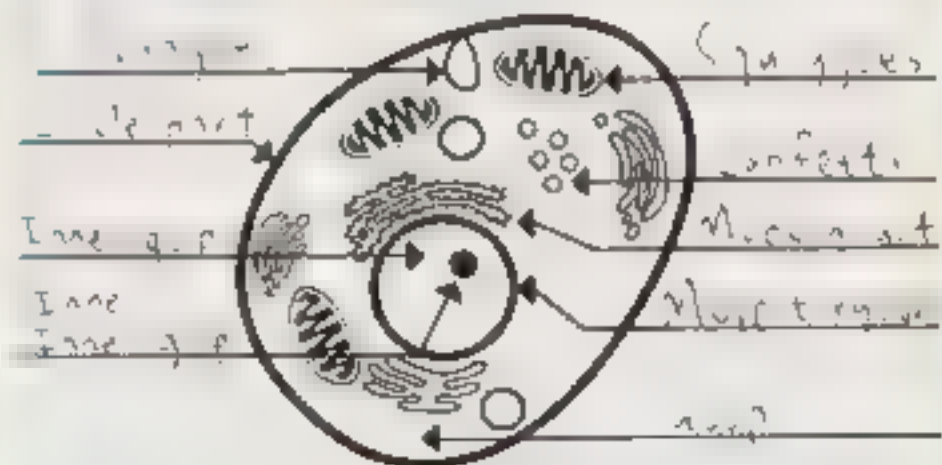
DECEMBER 17, 2014

I steered clear of the computer entirely tonight and sat down to read the book. And now, a few hours later, I can say that I'm ready for the test! If that is, the test is on how to make the best paper airplane. Because that's what I've spent the whole night doing. I'm not ready at all for my Biology test.

DECEMBER 19, 2014

John woke up this morning feeling totally fine. No fever or anything. Had to go take the test, and... done! (think I did well in it.)

Cross-Section of an Animal Cell



After the test, I was telling my friend Chuck about how my plan didn't work and he said, "Didn't you pay any attention to Mr. Simmons during the week we learned about viruses? They take about 24 hours to incubate. You won't start getting sick 'til tonight." And it turns out he's right, because I'm getting a terrible sore throat right now, just in time for vacation.

So I guess I was wrong. Biology class isn't entirely useless. Because there's at least one fact that I really, really wish I'd known yesterday.

PLANET TAD @PlaneTad
How come nobody makes elevators that go sideways?

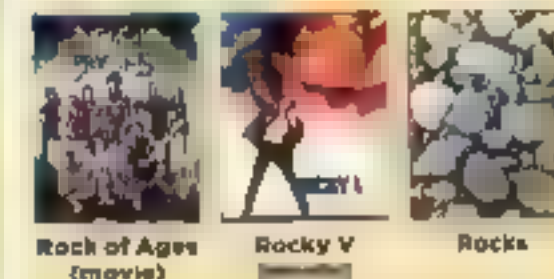
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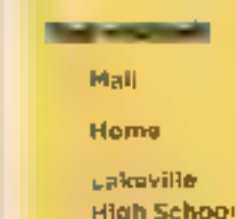
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DISLIKES



PLACES

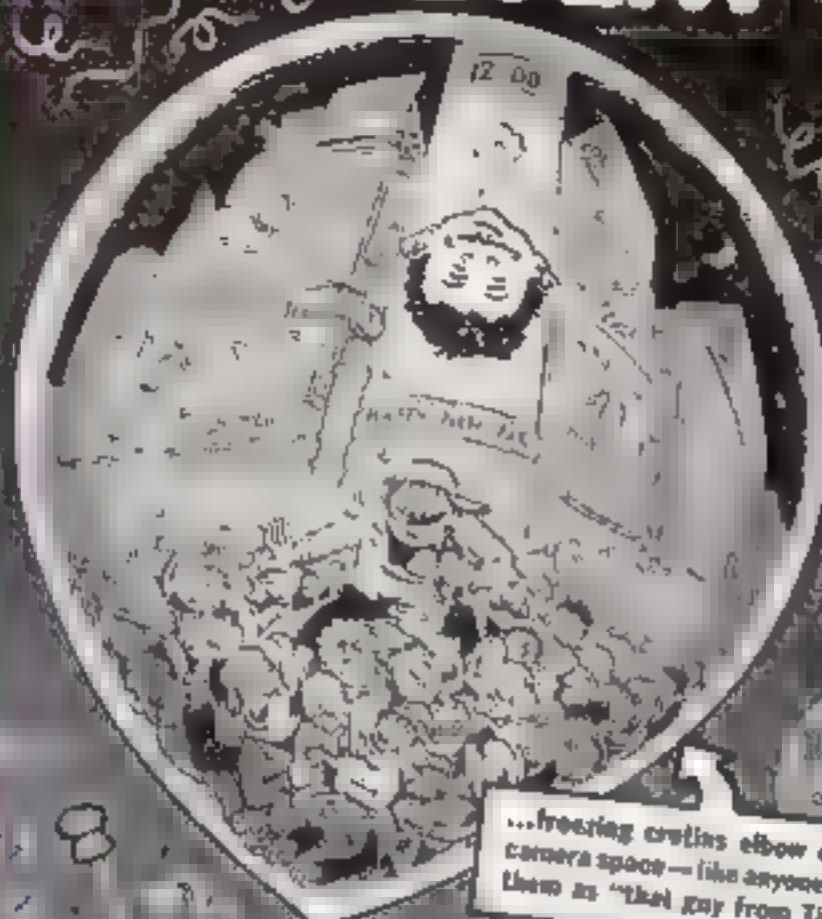


THE JOKE OF MIDNIGHT DEPT.

Every December 31st, we love to ring out the old and ring in the new. So how come every New Year's

Eve is exactly the same as the one before, and the one before that? And we're not just talking about

EVERY SINGLE NEW



...freezing crusties elbow each other for camera space—like anyone will recognize them as “that guy from Times Square!”



...your idiot friends think they are brilliant wits by yelling, “See ya next year!”



...you still cannot figure out what the hell a “Lang Syne” is!

Dick Clark's cryogenic facial check
out these other nifty examples of
what inevitably seems to happen...

YEAR'S EVE...



your brand new
car instantly
loses 85% of its
trade-in value!



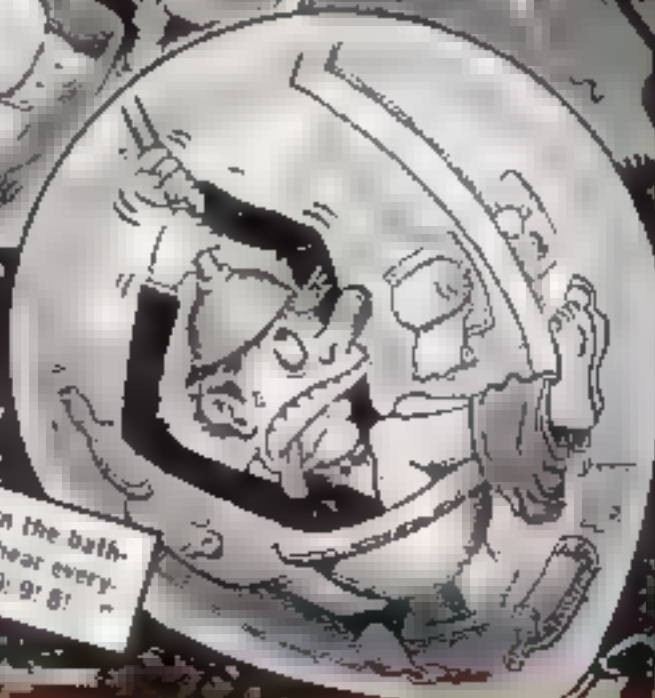
...it amazes you to discover
just how many everyday house-
hold items can double as
an emergency bucket!



...some poor kid'll
be born at 12:00:02,
and never achieve
anything newsworthy
again for the rest
of his meager life!

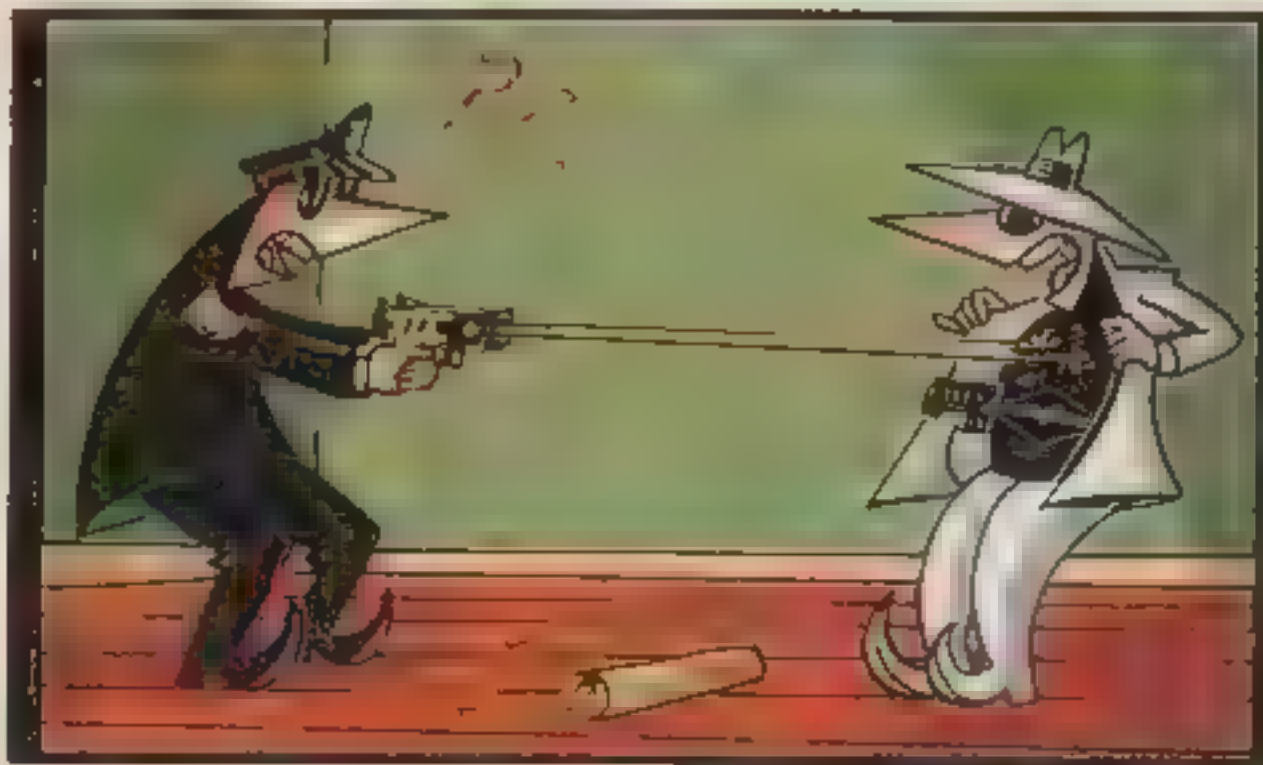
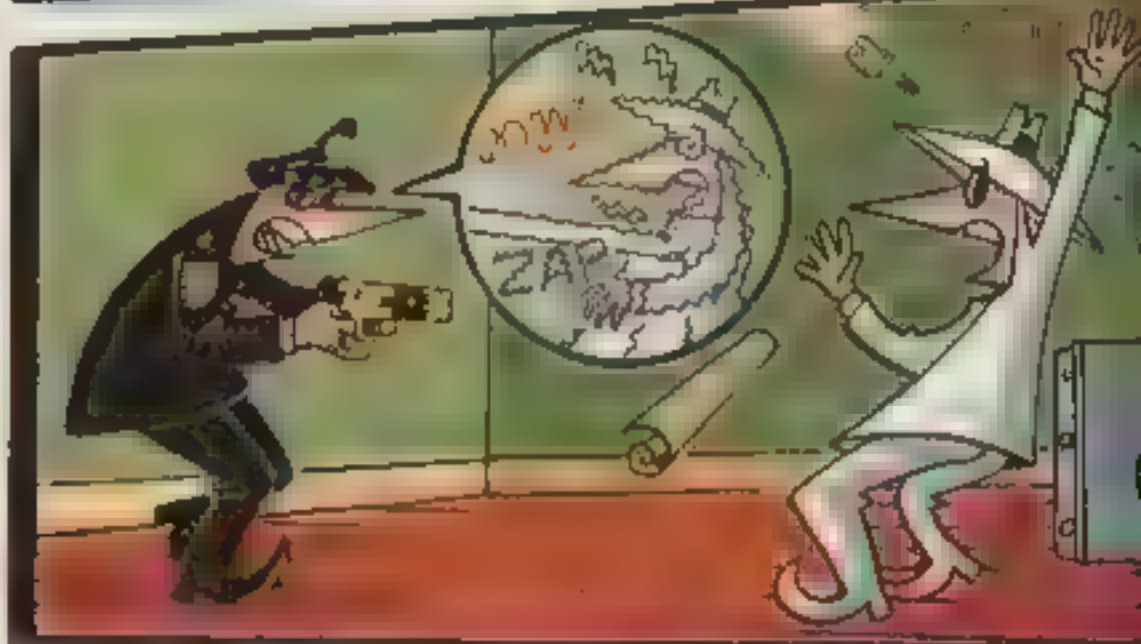
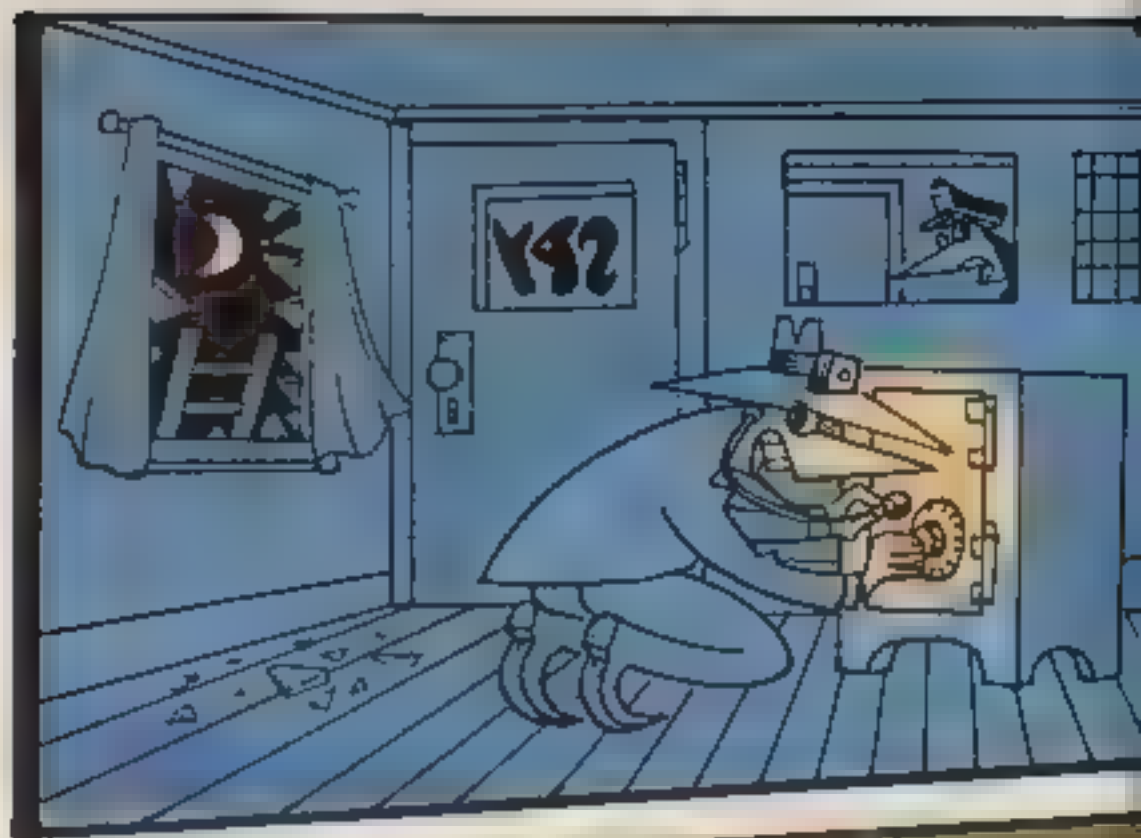


after spending 12 months clipping coupons
and collecting cans, it suddenly makes sense
to you to go to a restaurant charging 500% of
its usual prices for cheap Ugandan champagne!



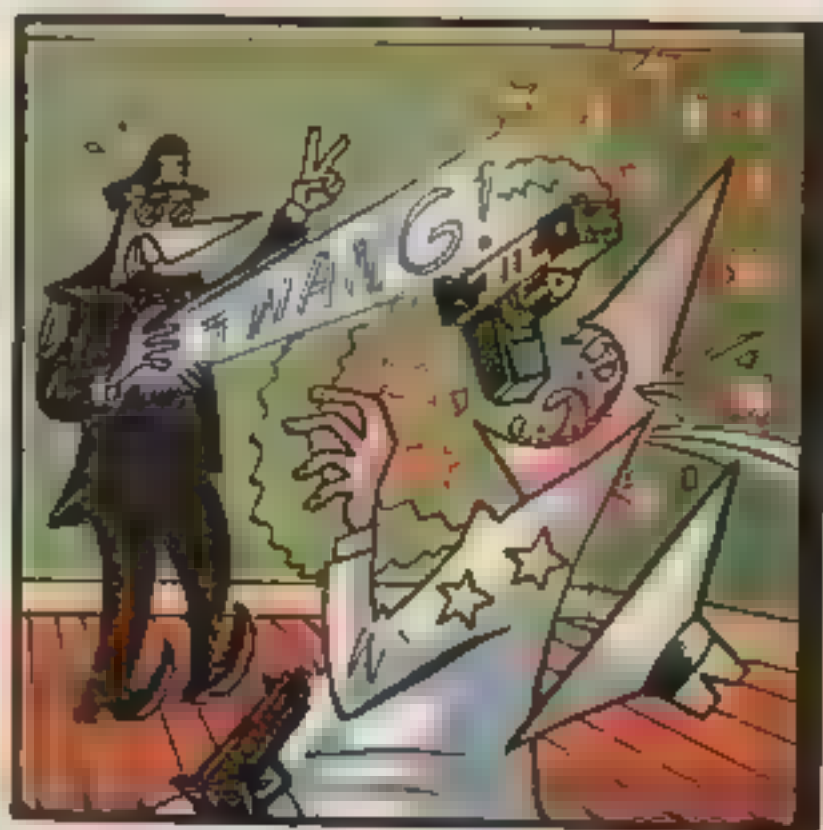
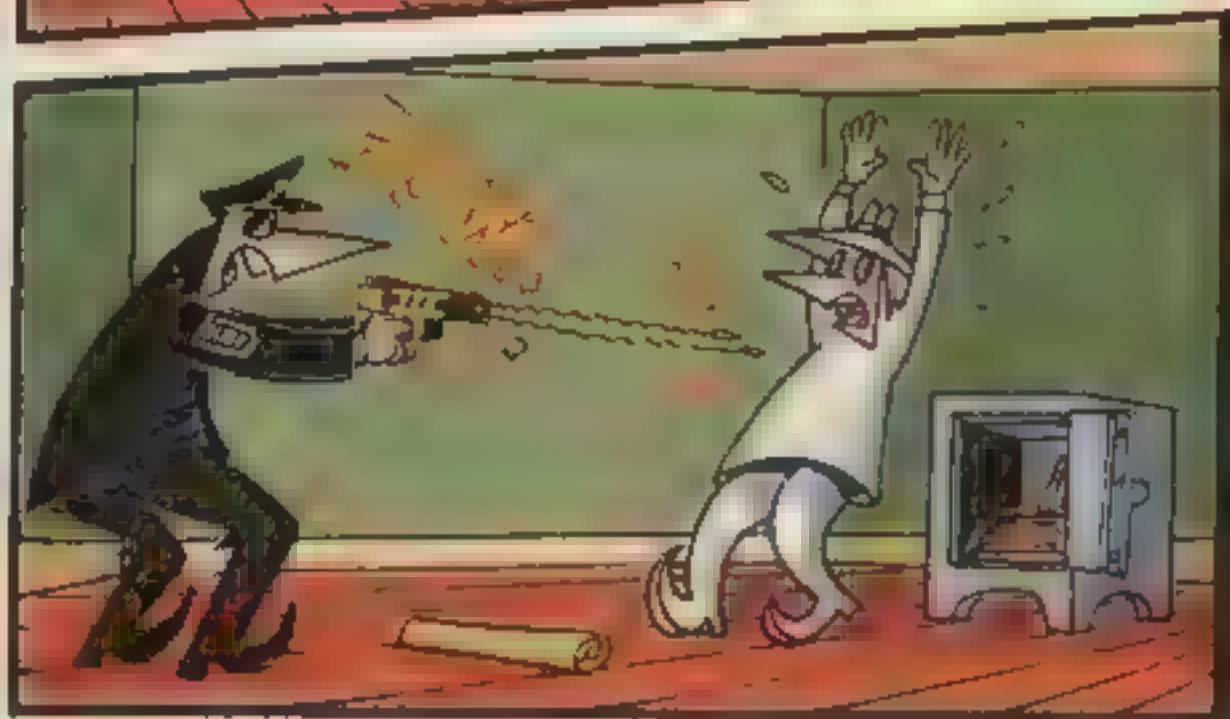
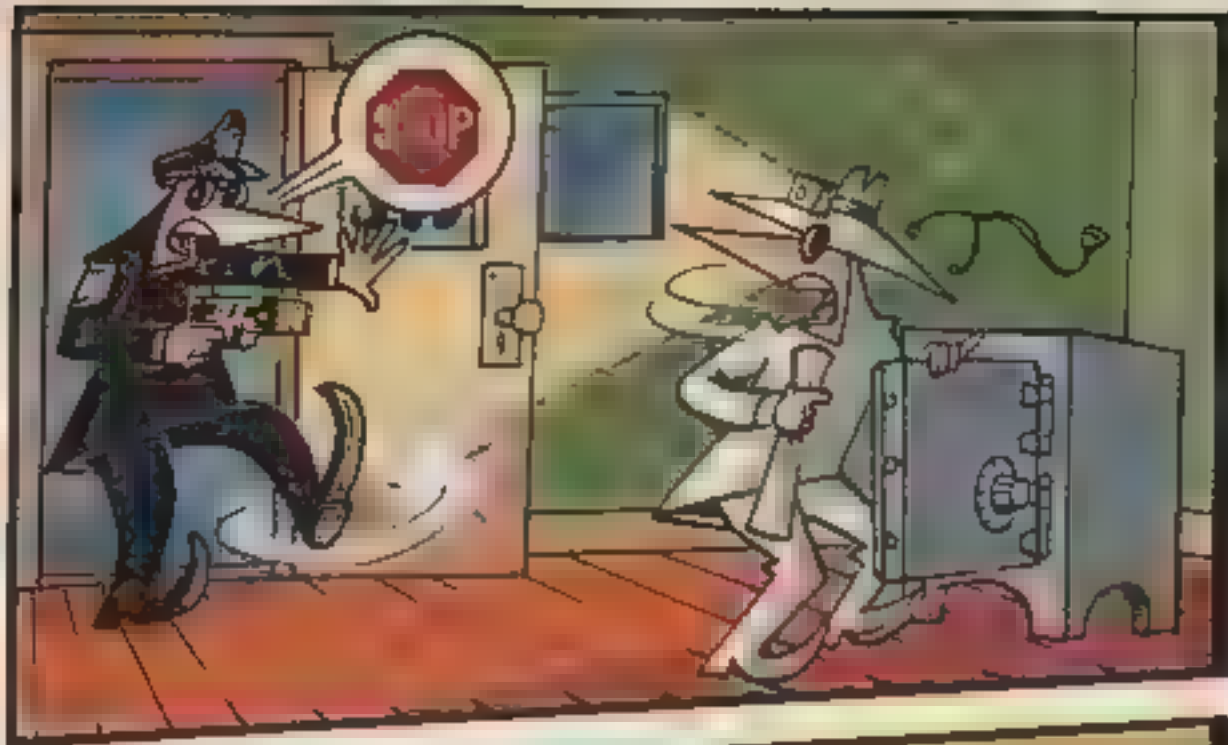
...you're busy in the bath-
room when you hear every-
one shouting, "10: 9: 8!"

TOM BUNK



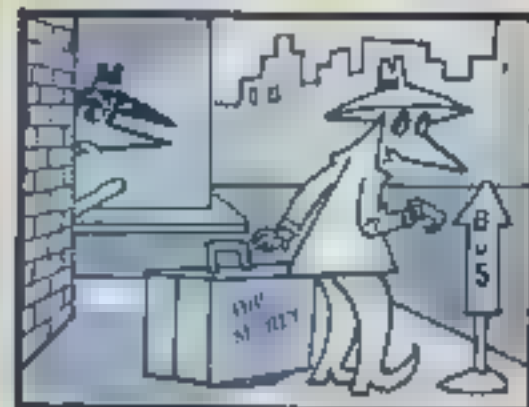
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WRITER AND ARTIST: PETER KUPER



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SPY VS SPY



THE

SPLINK

IS ABOUT TO
HIT THE FANS!

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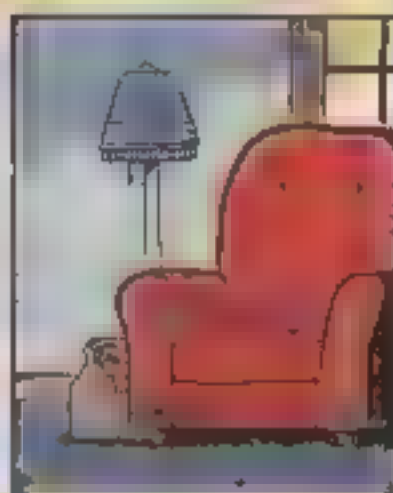
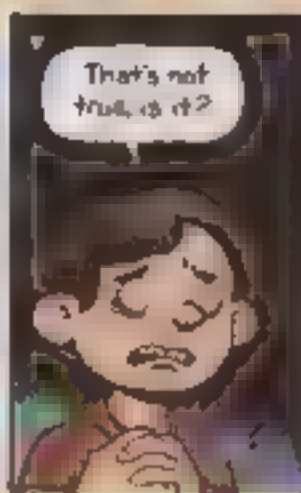
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Three Decades of
His Greatest Works

Foreword by
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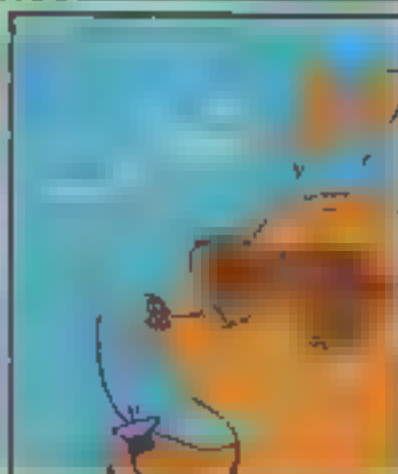
ON SALE
NOVEMBER 4TH!

THE STRIP CLUB



DAROTA MCFADZEAN

WHAT IF DOG WAS ONE OF US?



KENNY KILL

mister morals



WTF, JEFF? or My Roommate Might Be a Serial Killer



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IMMINENT**



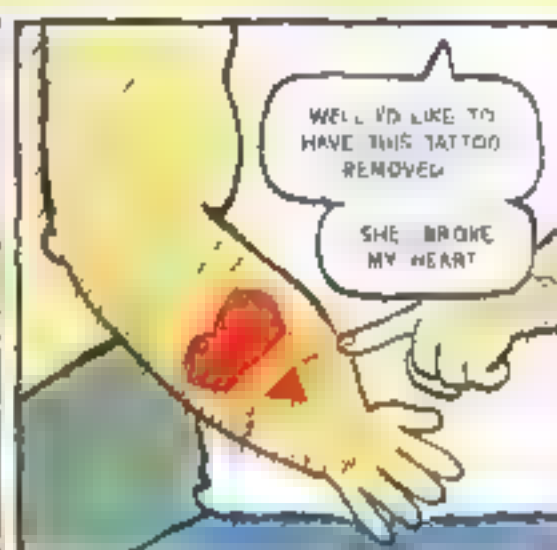
JASON YUNGBLUTH



**I'M AFRAID
IT'S VERY
SERIOUS**



WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU TODAY, MR. SALERNO?



WELL I'D LIKE TO
HAVE THIS TATTOO
REMOVED
SHE BROKE
MY HEART



I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY
WE'LL GET RID OF THAT RIGHT AWAY



SO HOW DOES THIS WORK?
DO YOU BURN IT OFF WITH
A LASER OR SOMETHING?



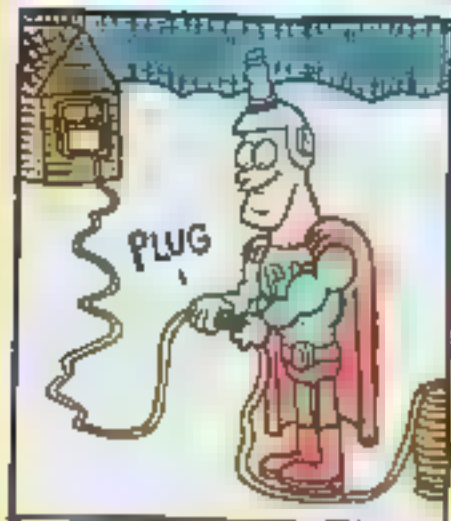
LASER? HA! NO NO, IT'S
ACTUALLY VERY SIMPLE.



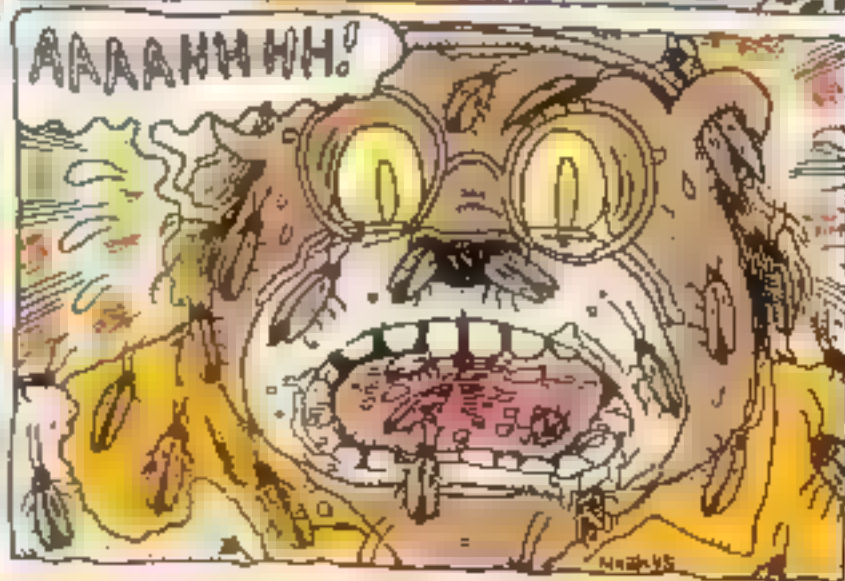
THESE FACE TATTOOS WERE
A HUGE MISTAKE! NEED TO
GET THEM REMOVED SO
THAT I CAN GET A JOB!
THANK GOODNESS FOR
PLACES LIKE THIS!

PHIL

PHIL MCCANDREW



DAVID DEGRAND



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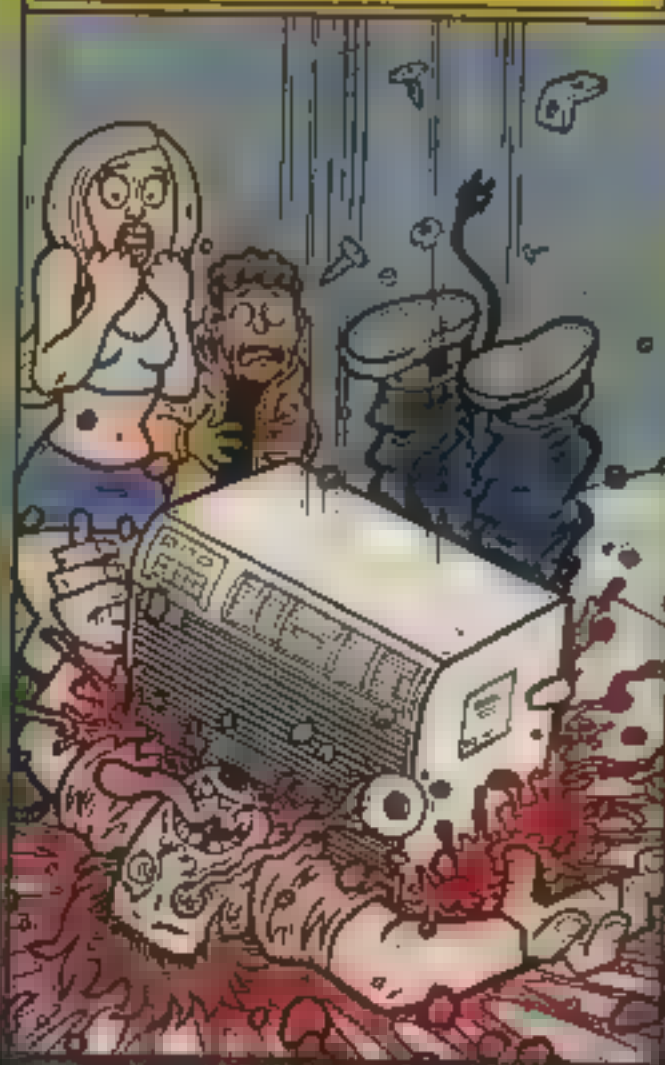


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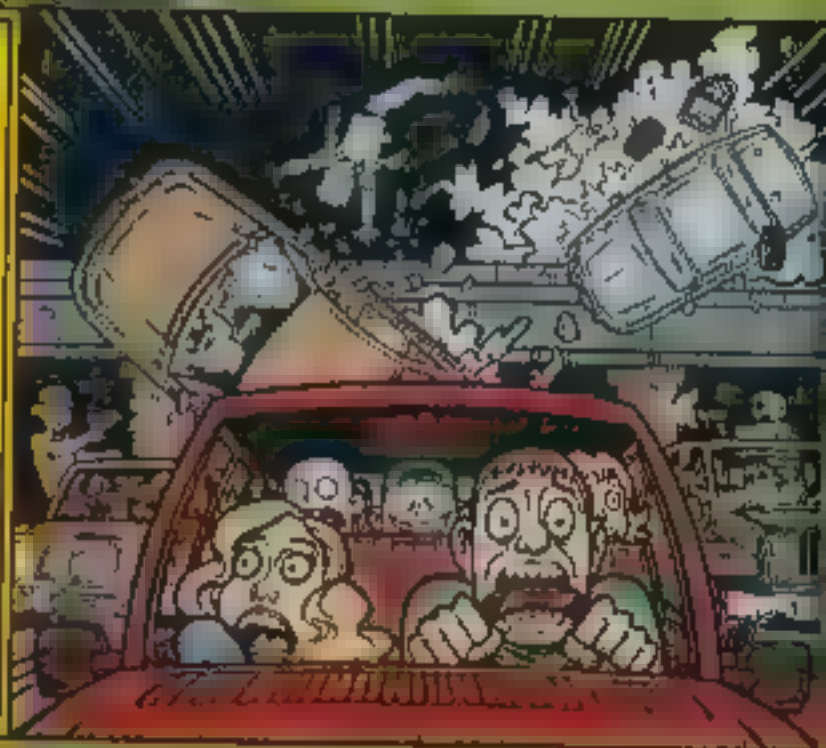
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AIR CONDITIONER THAT'S NINE
STORIES OVER YOUR HEAD



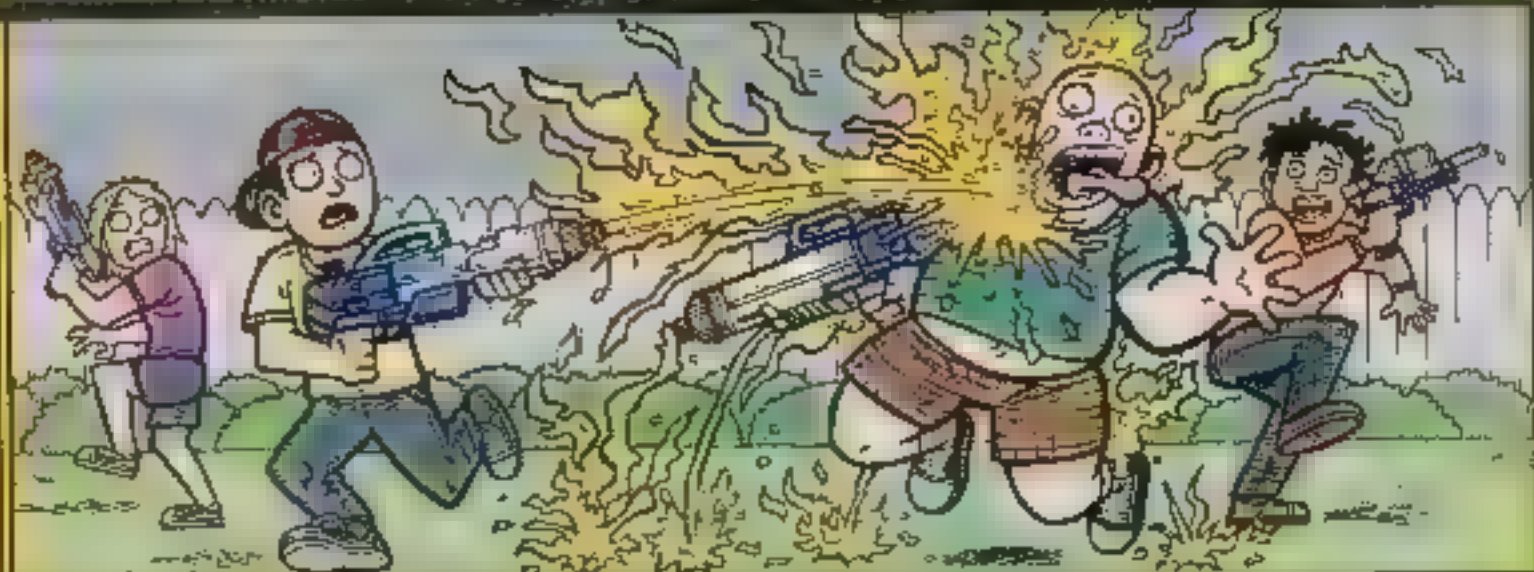
AS YOU
HEAD OUT
ONTO THE
HIGHWAY,
KEEP IN
MIND THAT
AN ENTIRE
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OF NEW
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HAVE SPENT
THEIR
FORMATIVE
YEARS
PLAYING
"GRAND
THEFT
AUTO."



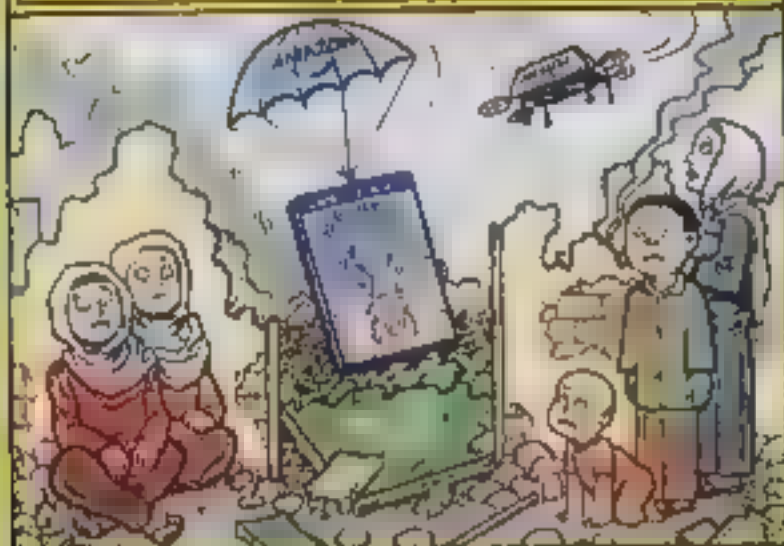
THERE ARE NOW MORE EX-REALITY SHOW "STARS"
LIVING IN AMERICA THAN THERE ARE NATIVE AMERICANS.



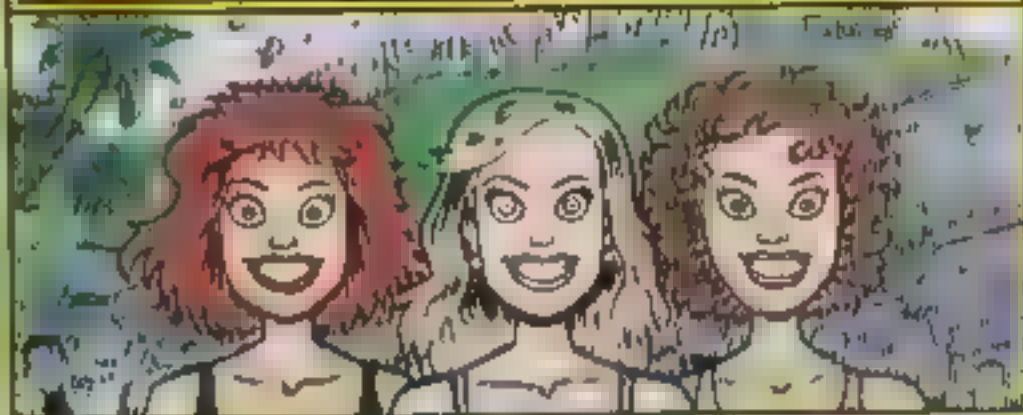
IF YOU
THINK IT'S
BAD THAT
HYDRAULIC
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IS CAUSING
TAP WATER
TO CATCH ON
FIRE. JUST
WAIT UNTIL
IT'S USED
IN SUPER
HEROES.



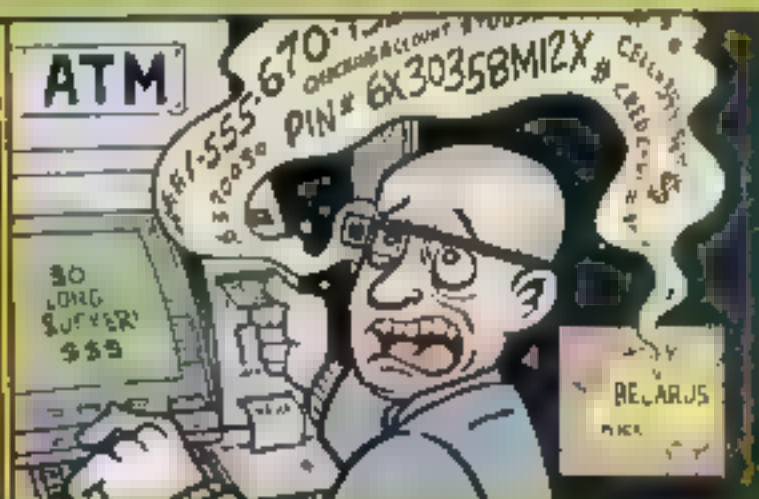
DESPITE BLOWING UP DOZENS OF AFGHAN
WEDDING PARTIES AND ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS, AMERICANS ONLY LEARNED TO
CARE ABOUT DRONES WHEN THEY HEARD
THEY COULD DELIVER STUFF FROM AMAZON



WHEN THE BIG ONE HITS HOLLYWOOD, EVERYTHING WILL
VIOLENTLY SHAKE AND SHIFT AND VIBRATE, EXCEPT
MOST MIDDLE-AGED ACTRESSES' FACES.



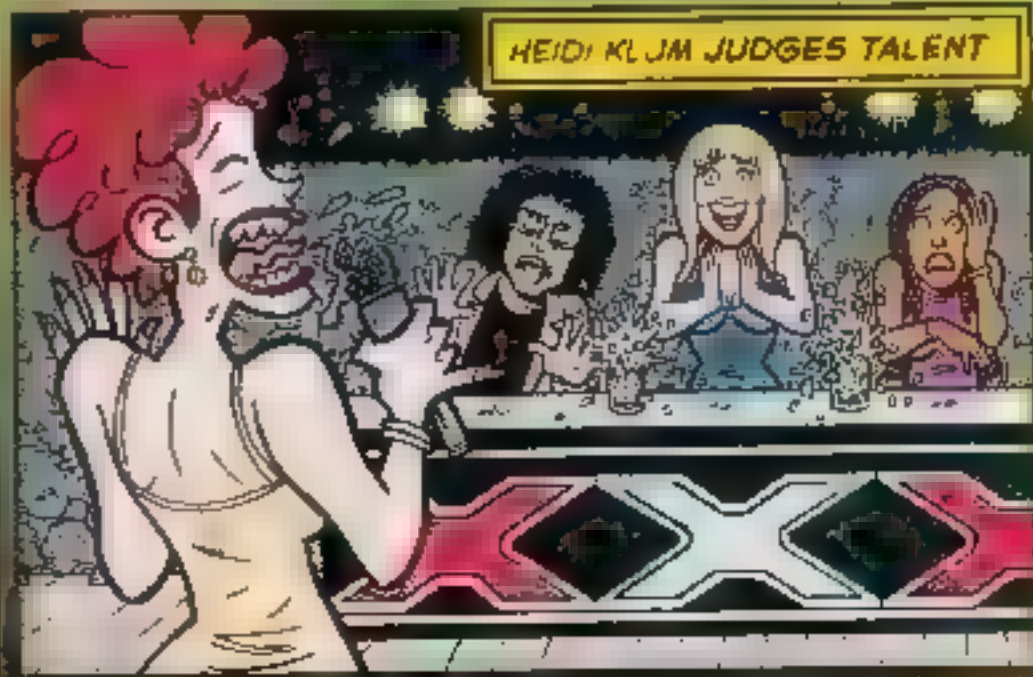
GOOGLE
GLASS
SOUNDS
GREAT,
UNTIL SOME
CYBER-
PIRATE
FROM
BELARUS
HACKS
INTO YOUR
EYEBALLS.



THE MOST-PLAYED PIECE OF MUSIC
IN THE 19TH CENTURY WAS
BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH SYMPHONY
THE MOST-PLAYED PIECE OF MUSIC
IN THE 20TH CENTURY WAS BING
CROSBY'S 'WHITE CHRISTMAS.' THE
MOST-PLAYED MUSICAL COMPOSITION
OF THE 21ST CENTURY HAS BEEN THE
'CANDY CRUSH SAGA' THEME.



HEIDI KLUM JUDGES TALENT



The Best of The Idiots



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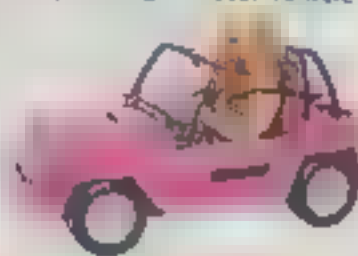
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Glorifies oceanic assault, theft and murder



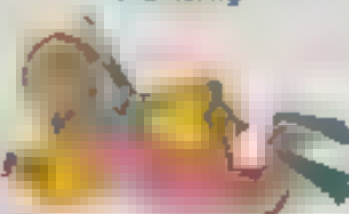
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Promotes sexual activity while operating a motor vehicle



BEBE BATH DOLL
Sanctions infant snorkeling

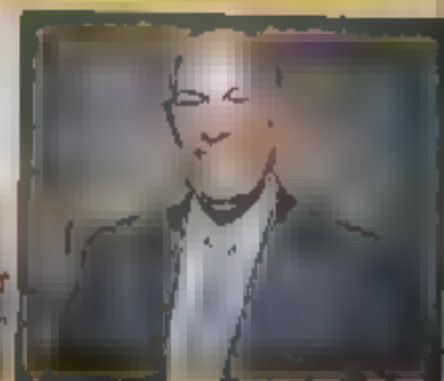


6 Reasons for Netflix's Stock Plunge



- The company is dogged by rumors that there'll be less content seen in the next season of *Orange Is the New Black*.
- Despite the public shaming, they refuse to stream *Mr. Robot's* Oscar.
- Overseas investors: they claim *THE GREATEST HIT* is terrible.
- Netflix was left silent when James G. of French Link, Indiana, watched *The Master*, but never bothered to rate it.
- After watching a *Friday* clip on CBS in the West, a lot of people went off to watch *Friday*.
- They're really taking advantage of his unlimited money membership — the guy must watch like three movies a day.

The Startling Similarities and Differences Between OSCAR PISTORIUS and OSCAR DE LA RENTA



Is the pride of South Africa	—	—
Isn't making any plans for the foreseeable future	✓	✓
Beloved by fashion models worldwide	—	✓
Googled "How to make a shiv" in the last two months	✓	—
Has gone to a better place	—	✓
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Has feeling in his feet	—	—



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DESERVE A NICE,
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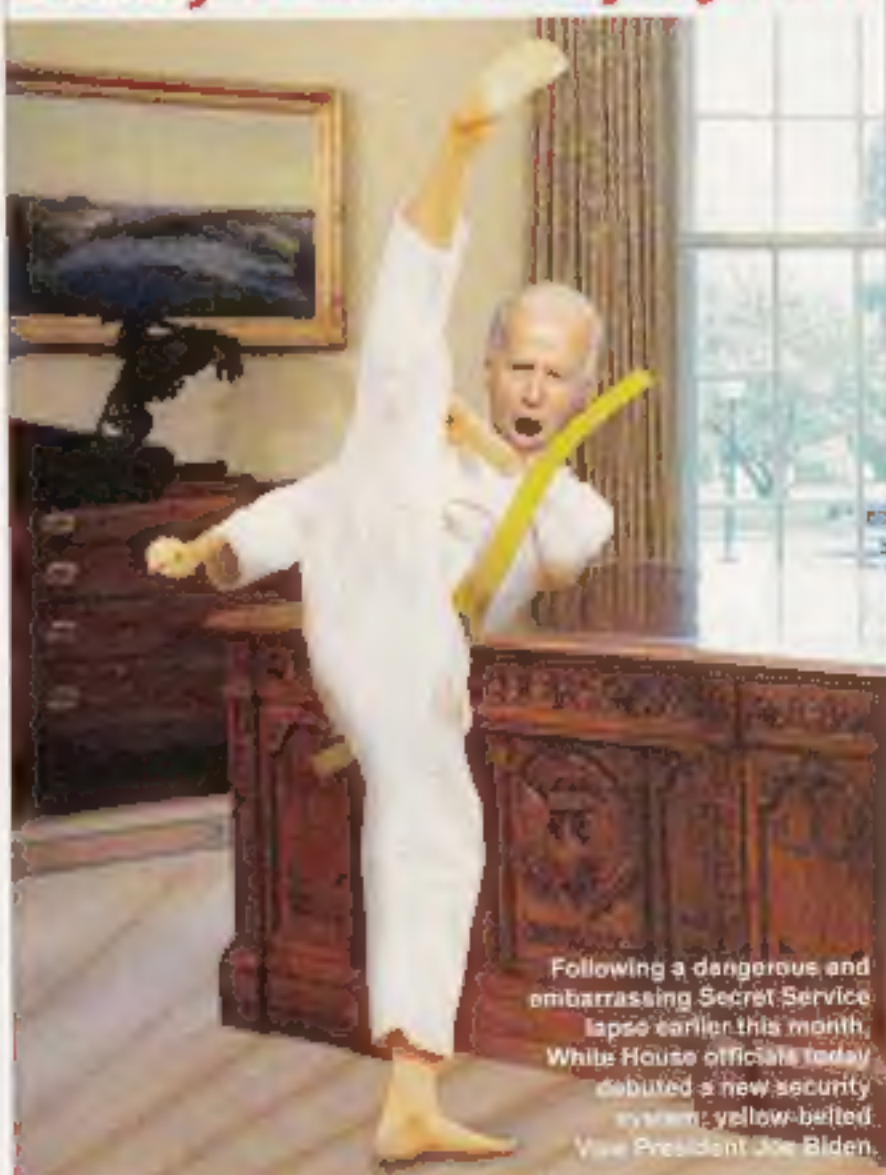
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Networking with New York Comic-Con



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ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

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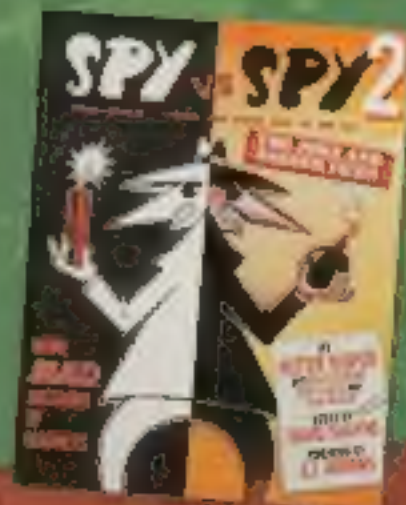


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